BUSINESS / B4-4

What's 'pinakbet' without eggplant? Ask Villasis folk

METRO / A25

Religious group members disappointed: No cash from leader

ENTERTAINMENT / G1

RP's Mau Marcelo leads in 'Asian Idol' online survey

NEWS / A2

Palace places amnesty for Reds high on Ledac agenda

Top boy scout searches Net for Japanese father

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

DAGUPAN CITY—SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Asuka Toyoshima stays in cybercafés for hours surfing the Net for sites or links that could lead him to his Japanese father, Yoshihito.

Toyoshima was just 3 years old when his

TOP BOY SCOUT/ A19

PHILIPPINE DAILY
INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS
Monday, December 10, 2007 ★★ 14 sections / Vol. 23 / No. 2 P18 website: www.inquirer.net

PDI to grant wishes of 22 loyal readers

FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES, THE Philippine Daily Inquirer has been informing and inspiring Filipino readers, making it the country's No. 1 newspaper.

Our heartfelt thanks to millions of readers for making the INQUIRER a part of their daily reading habit.

As part of our 22nd anniversary celebra-

PDI/ A18

Emir spares Pinay's life

Grants GMA plea for death convict

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo last night saved Marilou Ranario from the gallows after the Chief Executive secured from the Kuwaiti ruler a commutation of the Filipino maid's death sentence to life imprisonment for killing her Arab employer, Malacañang announced.

In a statement, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye quoted Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah as telling the President during a 25-minute meeting in his palace that "normally, I don't interfere in the judicial process.

"But since you are here to personally appeal for her, I will not sign the decree of execution. That is within my power … I will reduce the penalty to life and when the other parties sign the forgiveness, I will further reduce the penalty," said the emir, according to Bunye.

Ms Arroyo thanked the emir for his "compassion," said Bunye. She also agreed to stay overnight in Kuwait upon the ruler's invitation and return home on Tuesday instead of today as earlier scheduled.

The President flew to Kuwait yesterday en route home from an eight-day official visit to Spain and Britain and a pilgrim-

EMIR SPARES/ A8

ARNIEL Ferreira, Filipino gold medalist in the hammer throw, raises his hands during the awarding ceremony after a record-breaking Southeast Asian Games performance in Thailand.

FILIPINO bronze medalist Jho Ann Banayag is helped by Allan Ballester after reaching the finish line of the women's marathon.

PHOTOS BY RAFFY LERMA

Just 2 golds this time, but 7 RP boxers in finals

By Ernesto A. Gonzales
Sports Feature Editor

NAKHON RATCHASIMA, THAILand—Rower Benjamin Tolentino paddled his way to a second victory and Rubilen Amit retained one of her two billiards titles as the Philippines settled for a modest golden output Sunday in the 24th Southeast Asian Games.

Six fighters advanced to the boxing finals against Thais, and as if to give the Filipinos a glimpse of what to expect there, Kaeo Pongprayoon outclassed flyweight Bill Vicera, 24-2.

A seventh Filipino boxer, featherweight Ronijen Sofla, earlier reached the final round after drawing a bye.

Earning shots at the gold were defending champions Annia Albania (flyweight) and Jouvilet Chilem (bantamweight), flyweight Godfrey Castro, featherweight Orlando Tacuyan Jr., middleweight Junie Tizon and super lightweight Larry Semillano.

After the Filipinos got shut out of the marathon gold medal for the first time in four SEAG, Tolentino lifted his countrymen's spirits by adding the men's lightweight single sculls gold to an earlier triumph in the double sculls with

JUST 2 GOLDS/ A18

SC issues amparo writ for Briton, wife

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE WRIT OF AMPARO IS FOR foreigners, too.

The Supreme Court has directed the Court of Appeals to hear the petition of a British national and his Filipino wife seeking protection from local barangay officials, police and a prosecutor in Laguna.

In its writ issued on Friday, the high court ordered the respondents to answer Stephen and Mylene Kitt's allegation that Stephen was unlawfully arrested and physically hurt, supposedly in retaliation for filing a human rights violation complaint against barangay chair Norvic Solidum.

The Kitt couple said Stephen's arrest might have been triggered by the criminal cases he filed against his neighbor, Robert Santos, and his employees, including an attempted homicide complaint against Santos.

The Supreme Court set the hearing on the Kitts' petition for Dec. 12.

The high court adopted the writ of amparo as a judicial protection for people whose lives or civil rights are threatened, in response to the spate of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances in the country.

A petition for a writ of amparo is available to anyone whose rights to life, liberty and security are violated or threatened by a public official or em-

SC ISSUES/ A17

Climate change spawns bugs, drought

By Lina Sagaral-Reyes
Inquirer Mindanao

(First of two parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

COLOMBIO, SULTAN KUDARAT—After two years at an evacuation center, Manamba and his family came back in 2005 to resettle in their remote village of Makat here, only to face another kind of struggle.

This time, Manamba is fighting black bugs in his rice farm and drought. Like the others in this agricultural town, he felt defeated.

There is nothing dramatic here like the cleaving of icebergs or the melting of glaciers that former US Vice President Al Gore exposed in his award-winning documentary on global warming.

But the weird weather has begun to affect in subtle ways the lives of rural folk in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), particularly those rebuilding their lives after being displaced by the separatist war.

Manamba barely harvested 30 sacks of rice from his two-hectare farm this month. He used to get 70-80 cavans per hectare over the past 10 years. And as a result, he is saddled with debts from the fertilizers and pesticides he had used.

He also still has to pay the hospital bills incurred when his wife got sick after giving birth to a stillborn child that was to have been their seventh.

In the past, Manamba could tell when the rains would fall, how the winds would blow.

"The rains used to come during these last months of the year, but recently, we have had warm nights," he says. "During

CLIMATE/ A13

US, China not ready on gas caps

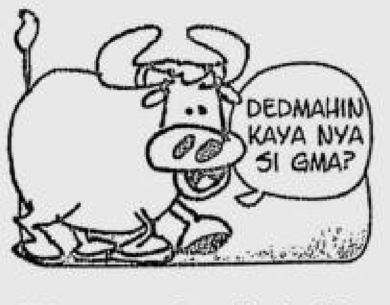
BALI, INDONESIA—THE world's top two polluters, the United States and China, say they are not ready to commit to mandatory caps on global-warming gases at the UN climate conference on Bali. But that does not seem to worry Yvo de Boer, who says it is too early to hammer out that kind of detail.

"This meeting is not about delivering a fully negotiated climate change deal, but it is to set the wheels in motion," the UN climate chief said, as presidents, prime ministers and environmental ministers prepared to join discussions on how to head off the effects of rising temperatures, from expanding oceans to deadly droughts and diseases.

"Reaching a conclusion even in two years is going to be very ambitious, let alone trying to achieve that kind of result in two weeks."

The main negotiating text for the Dec. 3-14 meeting—which was obtained by The Associated Press on Saturday—mentions targets for reducing the amount

US, CHINA/ A12


DEDMAHIN KAYA NYA SI GMA?

JV sees 'painful' meet with GMA at TOYM rites

By Kristine L. Alave

IF ERAP CAN SPORT A WRISTband, perhaps his son could wear gloves?

San Juan City Mayor Joseph Victor "JV" Ejercito, who has won a prestigious award for public service, is facing a dilemma. Should he shake the hands of, and accept the trophy from, the woman he has accused of plotting his father's fall from power and whom the Estrada family consider their main political enemy?

Ejercito, son of ousted President Joseph Estrada, was chosen one of The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of 2007, an award handed out by the

JV SEES/ A8

Bohol folk protect seahorse sanctuary

By TJ Burgonio

AFTER SUNDOWN, TOURISTS travel by boat to Jandayan Island off Bohol and go diving to look at the luminous seahorses swimming among the coral in the dark waters.

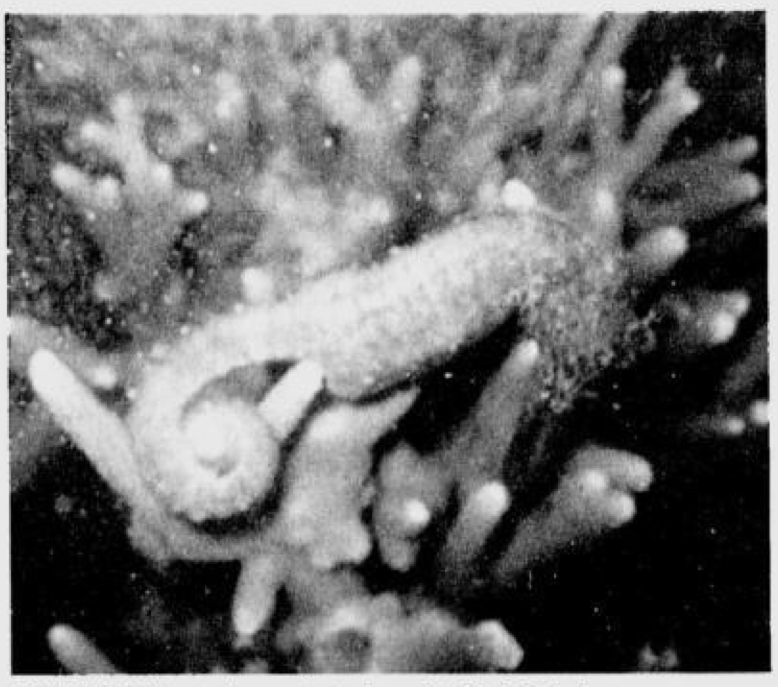
For over 10 years, the seahorses have thrived in the waters off Getafe town in Jandayan, along with fish and other marine life.

The fisherfolk and officials of Barangay Handumon helped make this possible. They banded together to put up, manage and protect a marine sanctuary out in the sea since 1995 despite meager resources and little support from the national government.

The sanctuary has been adjudged the most outstanding marine protected area (MPA) in the country by the MPA Support Network (MSN), a multisectoral alliance of organizations seeking to protect the marine environment.

"To a large extent, they have

BOHOL FOLK/ A19



A SEAHORSE rests in a protected coral stable in Bohol. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Eastern and Southern Luzon will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers while the eastern sections of Visayas and Mindanao will have mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	**Iloilo/Bacolod**	Partly Cloudy
Baguio	Partly Cloudy	**Roxas**	Partly Cloudy
Tuguegarao	Cloudy with Rains	**Cebu**	Mostly Cloudy
Laoag	Partly Cloudy	**Tacloban**	Mostly Cloudy
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	**Gen. Santos**	Partly Cloudy
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	**Zamboanga**	Partly Cloudy
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	**Cagayan de Oro**	Partly Cloudy
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	**Davao**	Mostly Cloudy

COMPILED BY: RHEA BLANCAS, PDI RESEARCH/12/10/07 SOURCE: PAGASA

Text us your feedback: inquirer news name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Second
FRONTPAGE

E-mail: pr_news@inquirer.com.ph

Website: www.inquirer.net/nation

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE, IKA NGA!

EZ2

23 28

(In exact order)

Mid-Day **SUERTRES** Evening

7 6 6 | 9 3 4

SUPERLOTTO 6/49

11 19 30 31 43 45

₱11,063,707.20

Palace pushes amnesty for Reds

Seeks backing of Congress in order to help peace process

WHAT'S INSIDE

- **CA RULES** quadriplegic raped girl /A10
- **ANIMAL RIGHTS** groups protest dolphin show /A7
- **SUMILAO** farmers get Church backing /A6

By Christine O. Avendaño

MALACAÑANG WANTS THE SENATE AND THE House of Representatives to give their concurrence to a proposed presidential proclamation that would grant amnesty to communist rebels before Congress goes on a holiday break.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said yesterday the Legislative-Executive Advisory Development Council (Ledac) would convene tomorrow with the proposed presidential proclamation on the amnesty for rebels on top of the agenda.

Ermita said President Macapagal-Arroyo, who is expected back in Manila today following a trip to Europe and Kuwait, called for the Ledac meeting to push for the approval of important measures in the last session days of Congress this year.

He said that high on the agenda was the presidential proclamation on an amnesty for members of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and its armed wing, the New People's Army (NPA).

Return to fold

"We're extending the amnesty for insurgents who wish to return to the fold of the law," Ermita said in a phone interview.

The amnesty proposal, which requires the concurrence of the Senate and the House, would help the peace process and the resumption of peace talks between government and the CPP-National Democratic Front, according to Ermita.

"Imagine if 10-15 percent of the insurgents would avail themselves of the amnesty, that would be a big thing," Ermita said.

It would be the first time the Arroyo administration extended an amnesty to communist rebels, Ermita said. He noted that similar amnesty proclamations were issued during the terms of Fidel Ramos and Joseph Estrada.

The amnesty proclamation will cover members of the CPP and the NPA, other communist rebel groups and their umbrella organization, the National Democratic Front.

Coverage

Under the proclamation, the amnesty will cover the crime of rebellion and all other crimes "in pursuit of political beliefs," but not including crimes against chastity, rape, torture, kidnapping for ransom, use and trafficking of illegal drugs, and other crimes for personal ends and violations of international law or convention and protocols "even if alleged to have been committed in pursuit of political beliefs."

President Arroyo had earlier vowed to wipe out the 39-year-old communist insurgency before she steps down in 2010.

Budget, medicine

Aside from the amnesty proposal, Ermita said the President would also push for approval of the proposed P1-trillion national budget for 2008 and the Cheaper Medicine Act.

"At the very least, the President might thank Congress for the budget approval because we were informed that Congress intends to pass the budget before the Christmas break," the executive secretary said.

In a statement read before the video conference with her Cabinet national security cluster, President Arroyo called on Congress to focus its attention on passing the budget, the cheaper medicine bill, amendments to the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira) and amnesty for rebels.

"Huwag natin hayaang mapinsala ng gulo noong isang linggo ang milyun-milyon nating kababayan na naghihintay ng imprastraktura, murang gamot at koryente, kapayapaan at kaunlaran (We should not allow the disturbance the other week to jeopardize the clamor of millions of our countrymen for infrastructure, cheaper medicine, peace and progress)," the President said.

THE ORIGINAL!
MAGIC SING
VIDEOKE MICROPHONE
Get XTREME™ Voice Lessons for FREE!
Sing Right with XTREME™ MAGIC SING
Sarah
Xtreme-Pop Star
Extreme ang Galing!

Buy any Xtreme Magic Sing Videoke Mic
(XV8, XV9, Bible Mic, or X18K)
from December 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008
and receive a Center for Pop Voucher!*

* Use the voucher to take a 2-session training in pop singing at any Center for Pop branch.

Transferable but not convertible to cash.
One voucher per individual (at least 7 years old).
Not valid for extension classes. Voucher is valid until November 30, 2008

Per DTI-NCR Permit No 4451, Series of 2007

For wholesale and dealership inquiries, contact us at:

THE ASTRA GROUP, INC. G/F Richbelt Tower, 17 Annapolis St., Greenhills, San Juan; Metro Manila
Tel: 72-MAGIC (624423), 726-9999, 726-2443, 726-2449 www.magicsing.com.ph

MANUFACTURED BY ET ENTER TECH COMPANY, LTD (KOREA)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

DAISO

ダイソー

The public is hereby notified that **JAPAN HOME, INC.** is the duly registered owner of tradename/trademark DAISO under Certificate of Registration No. 4-2005-002438 issued on April 30, 2007 by the Intellectual Property Office. And business name DAISO Store under Certificate No. 00186452 issued by the Department of Trade and Industry on July 20th, 2005.

JAPAN HOME, INC. is presently in the process of gathering oral and documentary evidence against those who, without its authority, have been importing, distributing, and selling products using the above tradename/trademark.

WARNING is hereby given that any person, firm, corporation or entity unlawfully engaged in the importation, manufacture, distribution and sale of product using the tradename/trademark **DAISO** without the written authority from **JAPAN HOME, INC.** shall be prosecuted immediately for the appropriate criminal, civil, and/or administrative cases for unfair competition.

Please send the necessary information as to violation by erring parties of this warning, complete with details to **VALDEZ DOMONDON AND ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE** located at 3rd Floor, 407 Dasmarinas St., Binondo, Manila.

More and more Filipinos are saying goodbye to hair loss thanks to Nu/Hart
LUIGI LLAMAS
Strategic Project Analyst
BEFORE
NU/HART HAIR CLINICS
There's A New You Waiting at NU/HART

Nu/Hart Manila puts you in the same league as some well-known Filipinos, and thousands of people around the world who have found a natural and permanent solution for their hairloss.

Nu/Hart Manila is backed by the proven expertise and highest standards of Nu/Hart Hair Clinics in performing over 25,000 hair transplant on men and women from over 40 countries.

So if you want to restore your natural hairline, your looks and confidence, choose the expert that is known and trusted around the world—Nu/Hart.

A Nu/Hart hair transplant is:

- Permanent and growing
- Natural, using your own hair
- Maintenance-free
- Affordable
- No monthly visits
- No ongoing expenses

Call or visit us now for a FREE PRIVATE CONSULTATION.
638-6000
26/F Wynsum Plaza, 22 F. Ortigas Jr. Road (formerly Emerald Ave) Ortigas (Behind Discovery Suites)
In the U.S. Call 1-800-776-7775
Visit our website at www nuhart com
or e-mail us at Info@nuhart.com

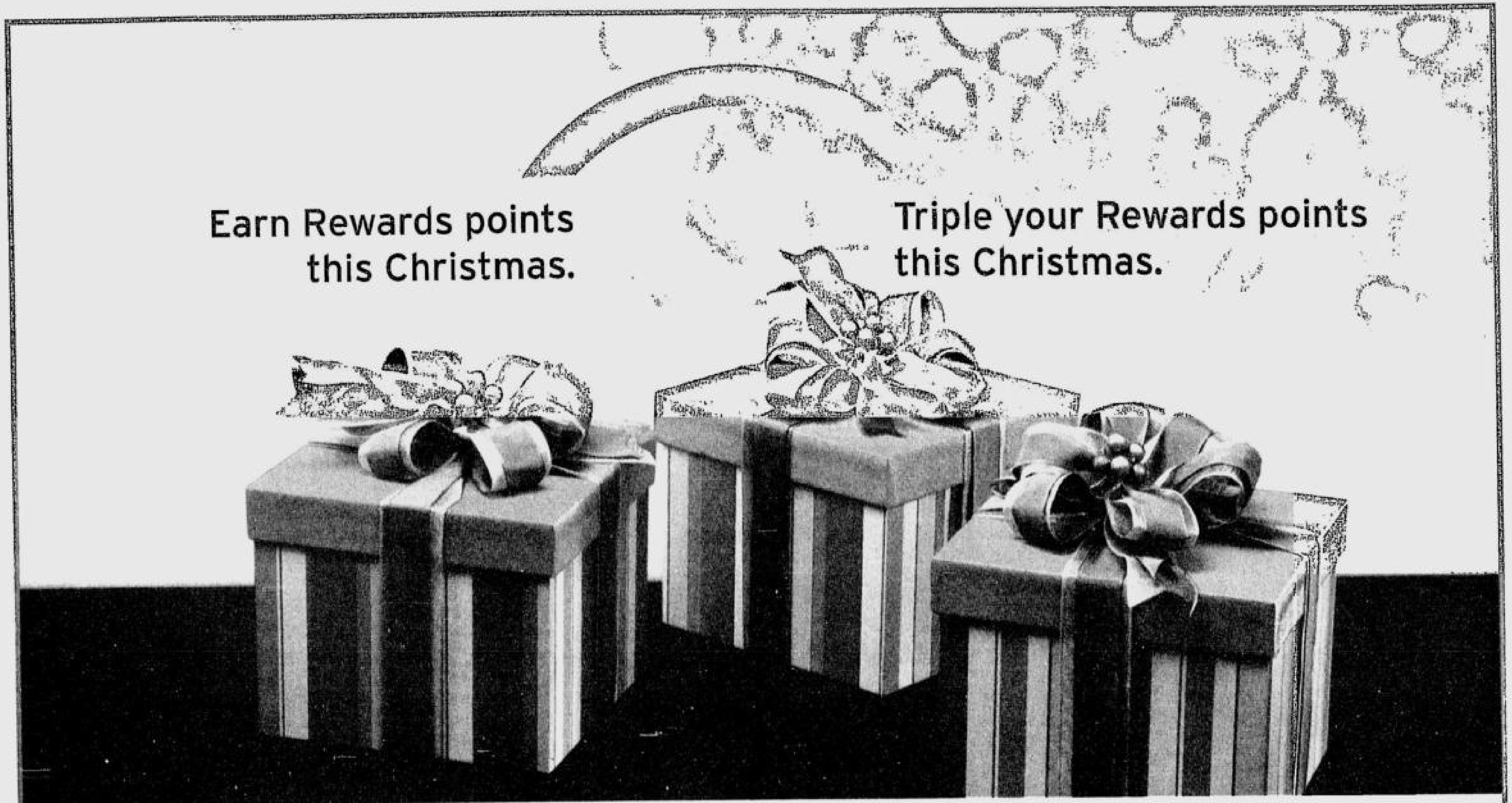
Consultations Available in Bacolod, Cebu, Davao and Tacloban

MANILA • HONG KONG • NEW YORK • CHICAGO • ATLANTA • PITTSBURGH • PHILADELPHIA • PUERTO RICO • DUBAI

TRAVEL CAFÉ Philippines® A Lifestyle Café...

...showcasing innovation in food, music, design and travel services

OPENING on 18 December 2007 at the 2nd Level, GREENBELT 5, Ayala Center



Earn Rewards points
this Christmas.

Triple your Rewards points
this Christmas.

Earn Triple Rewards points on your weekend purchases this Christmas season when you shop using your Citibank Credit Card consecutively on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Plus, earn Double Rewards points on all other days.

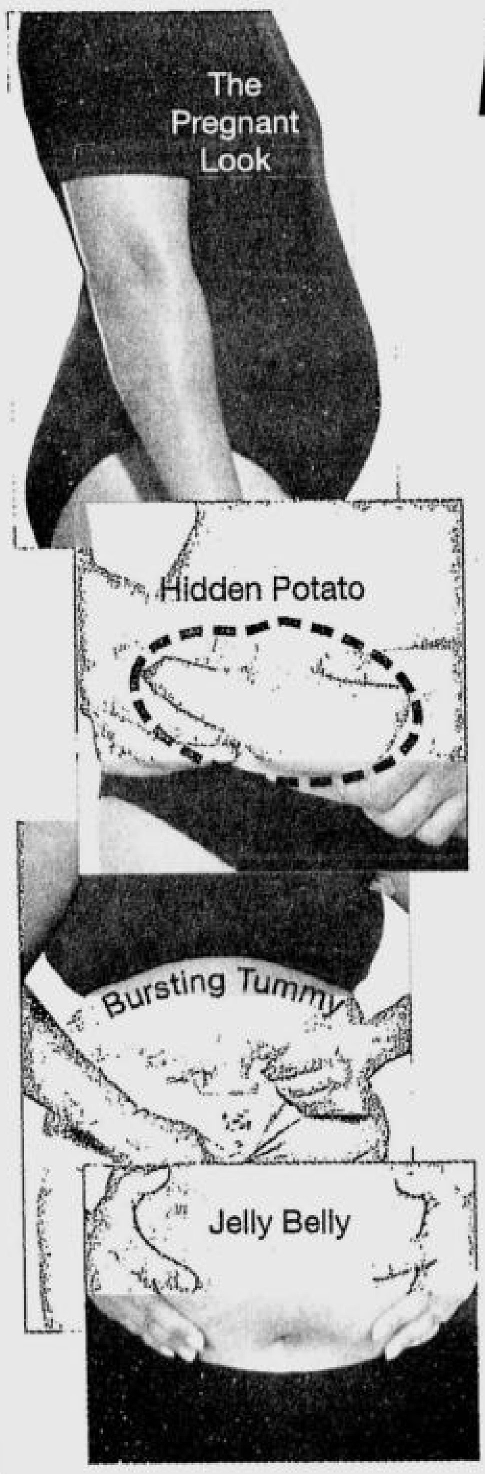
To avail, register once by texting CITI<space>16-DIGIT CREDIT CARD NUMBER to 2366.

Use your Citibank Credit Card now! Call 995 9999 or visit www.citibank.com.ph for more details.
To apply for a Citibank Credit Card, call 423 3000 or visit www.citibank.com.ph

This offer is exclusive to Citibank Silver VISA/MasterCard, Citibank Gold VISA/MasterCard, Citibank VISA Platinum and Citibank Cathay Pacific VISA cardholders.

citibank
let's get it done

Citibank is a registered service mark of Citigroup Inc. Let's Get it Done is a service mark of Citigroup Inc. Per DTI-NCR Permit No.5678, Series of 2007. Promo period is from November 14 to December 31, 2007.



Are you Unhappy with your TUMMY Shape?

You *CAN* have a more attractive shape for your tummy with the help of Marie France! Our effective non-invasive treatments will safely and quickly reduce stubborn fat and firm up sagging flabs. The result: simply a flatter, slimmer, sexier tummy!

Call Marie France now and reveal your new, flatter tummy!

5 FREE Tummy Flattening Treatments upon enrollment from December 10-15, 2007!

Per DTI-NCR Permit # 4693, Series of 2007

Call 894-BODY (2639)

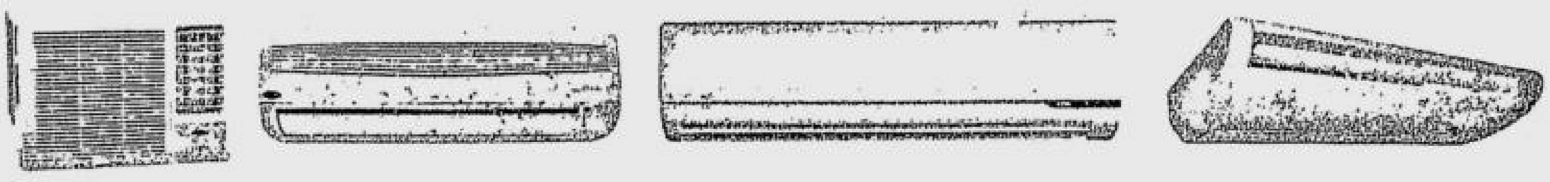
marie france

MAKATI ORTIGAS TOMAS MORATO BINONDO ALABANG SHAW CONGRESSIONAL PAMPANGA • TEL: 961-2981 CEBU • TEL: 233-7637

PRINT TOWN

This Christmas, there is no place like home.

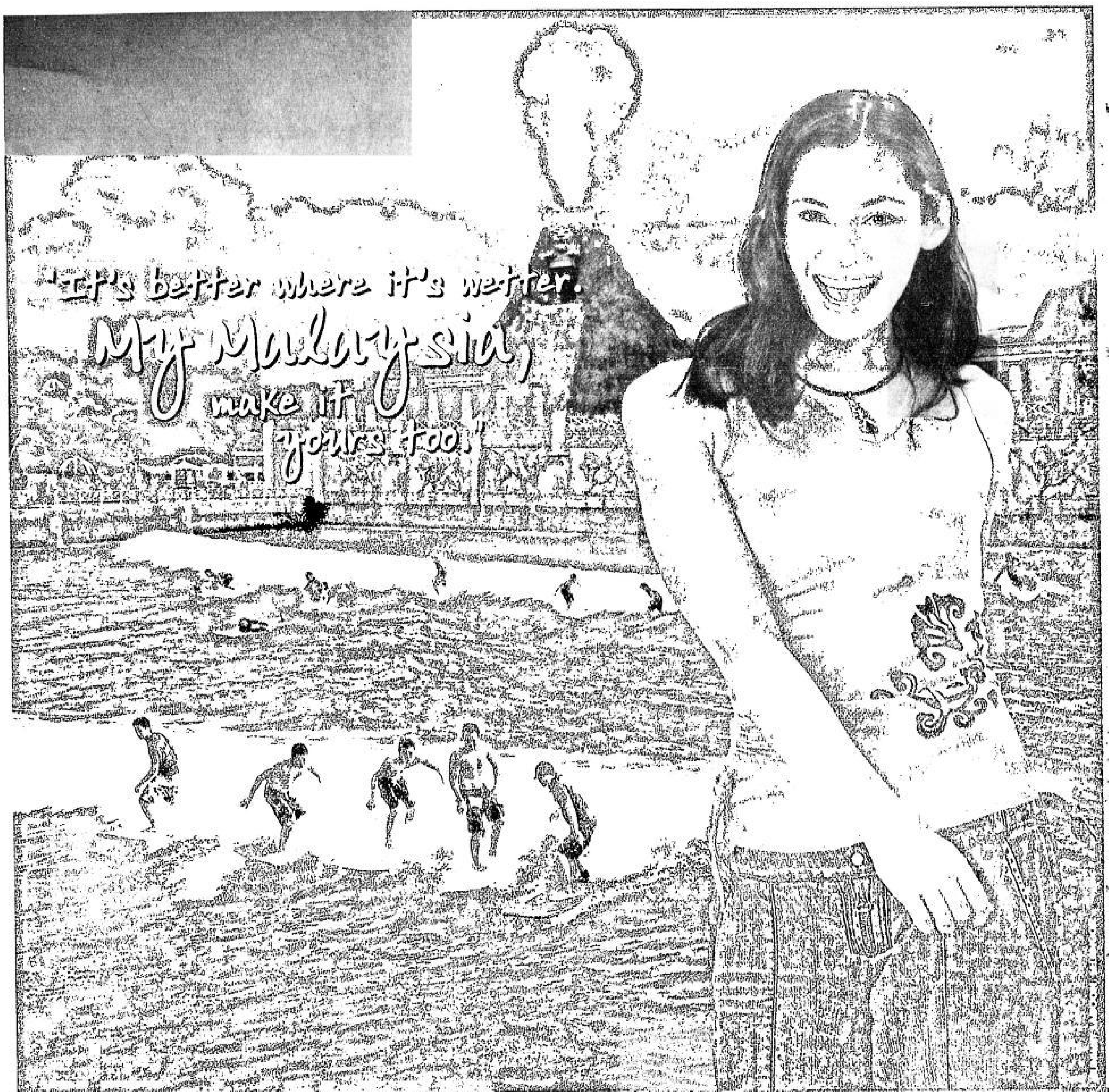
Whoever you are, wherever you may be... the best part of the day is coming home.
Where love and laughter fill the air, where worries and cares quickly disappear.



Come home to a

Carrier

No. 1 in air conditioning


"It's better where it's wetter.
My Malaysia,
make it
yours too."

Visit Malaysia

Celebrating 50 Years of Nationhood

Have a splashing good time at Malaysia's many extraordinary water theme parks – where water brings the bored and weary back to life. There's fun to be had on every slide, ride and pool and each waterpark has its own signature feature. Think you can surf with the best? Then take on the wave pool at the Sunway Lagoon Waterpark. If you're more of the adventurous type, then the Adventure River at the Tambun Lost World is for you. And no matter what you do, just don't stay dry.

TOURISM MALAYSIA

Home to:

malaysia AirAsia

Tourism Malaysia Philippines
[illegible]
11th Floor, The World [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Philippines
[illegible]
Email: [illegible]

Malaysia

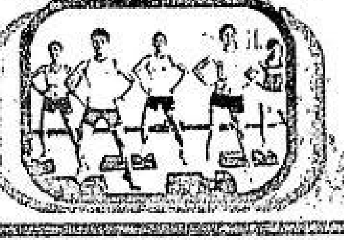
BIKINI BODIES 2007
2nd Runner-up Winner
JOLAIDA NICCOLAI PEÑA
Lost 20 lbs.
UNDER MEDICAL SUPERVISION

SLIMMERS WORLD

BUY 1 MONTH, GET 1 MONTH FREE!

NO MONTHLY DUES ON LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP!

PLUS!
PERSONAL TRAINING & ALL THE LATEST AEROBICS.



BUY 15 TREATMENTS GET 15 FREE!!!

ADVANCED LASER TREATMENT

Best Price in the Philippines.

Wart Removal
Skin Whitening
Facial
Diamond Ultrapeel

Meso White
Meso Rejuvenation
Mesotheraphy
Meso-lift
Nutracell-face

Ultimate Body Whitening
Sclerotheraphy
Laser Acne Treatment
Acne Surgery

INTRODUCING...
ULTRALIFT
LOOK 5 YEARS YOUNGER IN JUST 30 MINUTES.

CALL OUR ONE-STOP SUPER CENTERS FOR FITNESS, SKIN, BODY AND FACE.

FITNESS HOTLINE: 536-3333
SKIN HOTLINE: 525-8771
MOBILE NUMBER: 091-SLIMMERS (75466377)

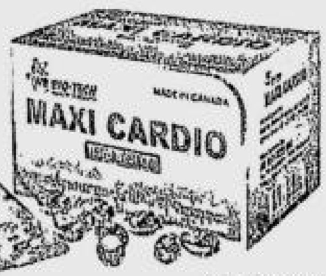
SMOOTH THOSE LUMPS & BUMPS WITH BIOMETRICS!!!

ADRIATICO-MALATE	ALABANG	BINONDO	CALOOCAN	CEBU	GREENHILLS
May	Gemma	Carol	Olive	Juna	Jane
5360619/5259891	8090395/7750587	2421312/2420728	3657653	231 3254	7266505/7261526
0921 4669423	0918 3912510	0917 8224399	0915 8804668	0915 8797217	0917 8261204

H.V.DELA COSTA	LEGASPI VILL.	MEGAMALL	PASAY ROAD	PASIG	SM NORTH	SUBIC
Emily	Lani	Ruby	Moan	Michelle	Michelle	Beth
8140138/8140151	8938935	6313869/6377543	8871335/8873530	6815333/6473816	9295429/9264215	2526514
0928 2107247	0928 9719938	0916 2479753	0915 6893088	0928 4763108	0905 2690717	0928 6712299

www.slimmersworld.com.ph inquire@slimmersworld.com.ph

Per DTI-NCR Permit #3986, Series of 2007



MAXI CARDIO
FOR MAXIMUM CARDIOVASCULAR PROTECTION
Major benefits:
a. Reduces blood pressure
b. Lower blood cholesterol levels
c. Lowers serum triglyceride levels
d. Helps maintain coronary artery wall elasticity
e. Stabilizes heart rhythm
f. Reduces the risk of heart attack and stroke
Made in Canada
BFAD CPR NO: FR-61747
Buy one box of MAXI CARDIO and get one PEDOMETER FREE
The latest advance portable calorie, step and distance measuring device with timer. It will tell you about the calorie percentage you loose after doing a briskwalking exercise.
MECHANICS:
Write your complete name, address & contact number at the back of the empty box of MAXI CARDIO and enclose your Original Official Receipt / Sales Invoice from the drugstore then SEND this to #12 Magdalena Circle, Magallanes Village, Makati City and we will send you our FREE PEDOMETER
This promo is good for purchases made starting Nov. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2007
DOH- BFAD PERMIT NO 1378 s. 2007
HB BIO-TECH HEALTH & BEAUTY
for more information call. Tel.: 853-0163, 758-6287
FREE reading materials! Just text your name, address or your email address to: 09178498903
Available in: mercury drug and all leading Drugstores nationwide.

THE BEST SOLUTION FOR YOUR COMMUNICATION NEEDS
LEASE TO OWN PABX
3 Lines / 8 Locals up to 128 Locals
* BASIC * * SPECIAL FEATURES *
Built-In Intercom · Caller ID
Built-In Music · Auto Attendant
Call Pick-Up · IDD NDD Restriction
Call Transfer · Voice Mail
Conference Call · Call Forwarding
Day-Night Service · VOIP
Special Promo for Small Offices P 2,500 Only
FREE DEMO
We also Offer CCTV & INTERNET PHONE
EVER 715-3908
715-8114 / 411 2100 / 0917 8434545 PLDT & NTC ACCREDITED

Committed to Quality of Life
Hurry! Limited Offer FREE! Optium Xceed™ Meter
Buy: 3 Boxes of Optium Xceed™ Strips (50's) and 1 Box of Thin Lancets (100's)
Xceed™ GIFT PACK
Less Time 5 seconds
Less Blood 0.6μl
For inquiries please contact: Abbott Diabetes Care
Available at mercury drug Stores Nationwide
Abbott A Promise for Life

WOW!
PAMASKO!
FREE T5 SONG CHIP
worth P3,450 for every purchase of Mabuhay Mic with Duet Mic.
WOW! TAGALOG 5
the No.1
MS. REGINE VELASQUEZ
Asia's Songbird
Proud owner of a WOW MAGIC SING
Just Duet!
the No.1 MAGIC SING
THE ORIGINAL

Promo period: Dec.10. 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008 Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4797 Series of 2007.
WOW Authorized Dealer:
AstroVision · odyssey MUSIC & VIDEO · Automatic CENTRE · ABENSON · WESTERN · JB MUSIC The Complete Music Shop · Robinsons Appliances · ASTROPLUS · Home & Office Center · electronics boutique · AVSurfer · Kultura Filipino · SM · SPECTRA AUDIO VIDEO CENTER · Houseware & Appliance Center · The Listening Room · EMILIO S. LIM APPLIANCES · Anson @HOME (Pasig) · avant ABENSON · BLADE · Square MART · ADDESSA · Fair N Square EMPORIUM, INC. · WELCOME HOME APPLIANCE CORPORATION · TIONGSAN HARRISON · BHF · GUANZON · Magic Appliance Center · NCCC Dept. Store · ABENSON · Music Zone · METRO PLAZA The Appliance Center
Metro Manila: Raon, Binondo - Ampere - Ample - Apo Electronics - Armstone - Armstrong Electronics - Fair N Square - FCM Electronics - First Asian Sales - Hirose - J&R - Just Appliance - Knight Audio Room - MAK Audio Video - Martcom Cellular - Milenium Electronics - MJS - Metrotech - New Altronics - Ohms Trader - Pacific Electronics - Prosound Electronics - Prosperous Merchandising - Rodriguez Electronics - Sansonic Marketing - Santech - Solid Electronics - Soundquest Electronics - W&M Marketing - Worldwide - Zoe Electronics - CALOOCAN - Electroworld - View Plus - QUEZON CITY - IAJ Wellness Corporation - CUBAO - Next Genz - Nintendo - MANDALUYONG - Audiophile - Listening Room - Listening Style - RMV Audio Studio - Sights & Sounds - Virtuoso - VMZ Business Center - MAKATI - Earl Toy World - Filgifts.com - Maxx Energie Ventures - Makati Interworld Trading Corp. - Puregold Inc. - Spectra - Victronics Computers Inc. - GREENHILLS - Golden Sound - Silver Gate Computer - Other Metro Manila - Audio Maxx - Amazon - Belcap - Estrellita Appliance - Exponent Group - Finds Superstore - Hardware Exchange - Impress Commercial - Micro J - Nintendo Commercial - Save on Surplus - Work Station - PCBS - E-Pacific Global - Kabayantrading.com - Pesocard.com - Provincial Dealers: Luzon (North) - Addessa - Asiatic Radio Supply - Consumers Appliance Traders - Dagupan Audio Electronics - Ever Appliance - Everest Furniture & Appliance - Grace Electronics - Guanzon Merhandising - International Freeport - Jetronix - Joy's Radio Center & Record Bar - Luzon Appliance Centrum - Manhattan Marketing - Mike's Dept. Store - Solar Sales Center - TSB Bazaar - Ocampo's Inc. Baguio - Ocampo's Angeles - Ocampos Mega Store - Power Station Electronics - Psalm Music Center - Punzalan Trading - S&J Marketing - Soundtrack Electronics - (South) - Aben Marketing - Alson Trading - Jayson Marketing - Multi Brand Distributor - People's Marketing - Robertson Mall - Royal StarAppliance - Thesson's Marketing - Willy & Sons - VISAYAS & MINDANAO - Alfa Appliance - Appliance Centrum Bacolod / Dumaguete - Asian Home - BCS Music Center - Better Components - Better Living Appliance Center - Bohol Quality - Cebu Appliance - Cebu Circuit City - Central RJ Homes - Central Quality Appliance Plaza Inc. - Citi Appliance - CFM Cotabato Falcon Marketing - Davao Better Homes - Dimdi Center - Desmark - Echo - Eco-Tech - Electelcom - Fiesta Appliance Center - Fit Mart - First Family Appliance Circle - Golden Bell - Gloria Bazar - Gleen Marketing - Goldsquare - Graphic All-in - GV Appliance - Harmansons - Holiday Appliance Plaza - KCC Mall of Gensan & Marbel - LYR Marketing - Lopue's Department Store - Loud & Clear - Metro Appliance Centrum - Metro Plaza (Zamboanga) - Naces Appliance - OK Dept. Store - POS Marketing - Quality Appliance - R Abenson - Rainbow Appliance Plaza - Reverb - RJ Homes - Romstrel General Merchandise - Smart Zone - Star Mark Appliance Center - Simosa Marketing - Soundroom - Special Appliance Plaza - Sungold Electronic Supply - Time Express Depot - Victoria Dept. Store
Exclusively Distributed by: in-a-jiffy enterprises & G2K CORPORATION
Visit the WOW! Showrooms:
• 1081 EDSA Balintawak, Quezon City • Tels.: (632) 362-1566 or (632) 361-9450 or (632) 362-3898
• Left Wing G/F Richbelt Terraces, 19 Annapolis St., Greenhills, San Juan • Tels.: (632) 725-3994 and (632) 722-5527
• c/o MAXX ENERGIE GF Bldg. 3 Jannov Plaza 2295 Pasong Tamo Ext. Makati City, MM, Philippines • Tel: (632)-892-8980
Log on to www.wowcountry.com.ph or www.wowmagicsing.com or www.magicmic.com
© Philippine Copyright 2007 by In-A-Jiffy Enterprises

Church sides with farmers

By TJ Burgonio

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONference of the Philippines has thrown its support behind the tribal farmers encamped outside the Department of Agrarian Reform office in Quezon City who are fighting to reclaim a piece of property in Sumilao, Bukidnon.

Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, CBCP head, said he believed in the cause of the 55 Higaonon farmers and was praying they would recover the land of their ancestors "with the help of the government."

"Having land which they can call their own is part of the preservation of the dignity of our farmer-brothers," Lagdameo said in an open letter dated Dec. 3 but which was released to the press only yesterday.

"I hope that the law and program (Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program) would be amended to save agrarian reform from irregularities and serve the farmers," he said.

The archbishop of Jaro's [Iloilo] letter was among the statements of support issued by Church groups, nongovernment organizations and academic institutions for the farmers who marched 1,700-kilometers from Bukidnon to Manila to press their demand for the land.

Manila Archbishop Cardinal Rosales, saying Mass for the farmers at Ateneo de Manila University Wednesday night, had also given the farmers his support. He said he had personally asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to award the estate back to them.

The land they are claiming, a 144-hectare property in Barangay San Vicente, was awarded to 137 Sumilao farmers in 1995 but was recalled after the government approved the conversion of the former Quisumbing estate into an agro-industrial park. The Supreme Court upheld the voiding of the farmers' land grant in 1999.

In 2002, the Quisumbing family sold part of the estate to San Miguel Food Investments (SMFI).

In November 2004, the farmers petitioned for the return of their land grants, pointing out that the owners did not implement the five-year development plan that they had proposed to undertake. The construction of at least four warehouses for SMFI's hog farm on a 40-ha portion of the estate also violated the conversion order, they said.

After the farmers began their two-month "Walk for Sumilao Land, Walk for Justice," the President remanded the case to the DAR on Nov. 23. She directed Agrarian Reform Secretary Nasser Pangandaman last week to resolve the case as soon as possible.

Pangandaman had said he could not rule immediately on the matter until after the farmers and the SMFI submitted their respective position papers today.

Make Marcos crony give evidence, SC urged

THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR has asked the Supreme Court to compel a crony of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos to produce evidence in two graft and corruption cases filed against him three years ago.

Businessman Herminio Disini had petitioned the high court to review two Sandiganbayan rulings that he claimed violated his rights when the graft court moved to continue with the pretrial proceedings on the cases.

The court's First Division earlier dismissed Disini's petition to defer his presentation of evidence and junked his motion to reverse an earlier ruling for lack of merit.

Disini is facing graft charges for brokering the $2.1-billion Bataan Nuclear Power Plant project in favor of an American firm, Westinghouse, which allegedly earned for him a $1 million commission.

In his petition, Disini said the court's "compulsion" violated his rights as he was being required to perform "positive acts to prove his innocence as early as the pre-trial."

He said he had the right not to be compelled to testify or to produce evidence.

The Office of the Special Prosecutor, however, disputed his claims, urging the high court to dismiss Disini's petition.

"The identification and marking of exhibits during pre-trial cannot be given meaning beyond what is actually or intended to be done. The petitioner is required only to identify and mark his [evidence], nothing more," the Special Prosecutor said in an 18-page memorandum.

"This is in consonance with the primary purpose of the pretrial which is to expedite the proceedings during pre-trial," it continued.

The Special Prosecutor also noted that a petitioner could not be compelled to submit evidence that would serve to incriminate him. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, December 10, 2007
2nd Week of Lent

1st Reading: Is 35:1-10
Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

One day Jesus was teaching and many Pharisees and teachers of the Law had come from every part of Galilee and Judea and even from Jerusalem. They were sitting there while the power of the Lord was at work to heal the sick. Then some men brought a paralyzed man who lay on his mat. They tried to enter the house to place him before Jesus, but they couldn't find a way through the crowd. So they went up on the roof and, removing the tiles, they lowered him on his mat into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "My friend, your sins are forgiven." At once the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees began to wonder, "This man insults God! Who can forgive sins but only God?"

But Jesus knew their thoughts and asked them, "Why are you reacting like this? Which is easier to say: 'Your sins are forgiven,' or: 'Get up and walk?' Now you shall know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." And Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." At once the man stood before them. He took up the mat he had been lying on and went home praising God.

Amazement seized the people and they praised God. They were filled with a holy fear and said, "What wonderful things we have seen today!"

Commentary

First we see this life of God on earth, deserts, plants, barren wastes, and dead trees blossoming. Life returns in water (baptism) bringing lushness of life, food in abundance for all living things, and then it seeps into humans' bones, hands, knees, and hearts, to bring hope and vindication. Eyes, ears, and tongues are opened and loosed, and human beings leap and dance in the presence of such wild life. And now there is a highway for all of us to walk on since our God has ransomed us in the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We must rejoice at the coming of God in Jesus.

But there are many who do not. Jesus is moved by the Spirit of God to heal. A man's friends do everything to get him to Jesus in spite of the crowd around him (many who are cynical and do not believe in Jesus-having their own ideas about what the one who is to come should be and how he should act). But Jesus forgives the man—gives him hope/life/acceptance before God and everyone! With a word, Jesus commands the man to rise, and the people rejoice. But others do not. And what of us—do we rejoice in the life that God gives to others or are we annoyed that this Jesus, the child of God, does not act like we want him to?

Animal rights groups rap Pasig dolphin show

SEVERAL ANIMAL RIGHTS groups yesterday banded together and called for a boycott of the traveling dolphin show at Metrowalk Shopping Center in Pasig City, decrying what they called the inhumane treatment of its four show animals.

About 25 members of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society, Earth Island Institute-Philippines, Kalikasan Society and Agham held a mock dolphin show near the gates of the Wonderful World of Dolphins to illustrate how the dolphins were starved during their training.

The organizers of the show, however, insisted their dolphins, Tooty and Fruity, and sea lions, Jello and Jumbo, were well cared for.

Gogoy Avelino, an officer of producer Movers and Shakers Inc., said the dolphins were bred in captivity and, if released in the ocean, would not survive. He said they were fed regularly, given vitamins and received medical care.

Avelino said the show had a permit from the United Nations Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna.

He said that since he started bringing the show to the Philippines in the '80s, no dolphin or sea lion has been hurt.

But Trixie Concepcion, EEI-Philippines coordinator, said the group learned dolphins like those in the show were taken from the waters of Indonesia. She said they were starved when they were taught tricks and then rewarded with food when they learned the routines.

The group said traveling dolphin shows were smaller operations compared to ocean parks and had inferior facilities. The pools were shallower and the water dirty and chlorinated, causing blindness to saltwater creatures, they said.

Traveling and performing for crowds cause the animals much stress, the group said in a statement.

They called on the public not to watch the show, pointing out that these had been banned in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Kristine L. Alave

HOW MUCH GLUTATHIONE DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE?

It depends on the kind of glutathione you are taking.

You see, glutathione is available in two forms: reduced and un-reduced.

According to the Woodlands Healing Research Center.in Philadelphia, USA, "glutathione must be in the reduced form to work properly. The un-reduced form is much cheaper and isn't metabolically active." *(Source: www.woodmed.com)*

Most brands, like the ones flooding the market, are in the un-reduced, thus inferior, form. So even if they claim to have 500mg per capsule, it will not compensate for un-reduced glutathione's inherent weakness.

MET TATHIONE, on the other hand, contains 250mg of 100% premium-grade reduced glutathione from Japan. It is a concentrated, thus more potent, dose which satisfies your daily requirements. More superior, in fact, compared to un-reduced glutathione at even double the dosage.

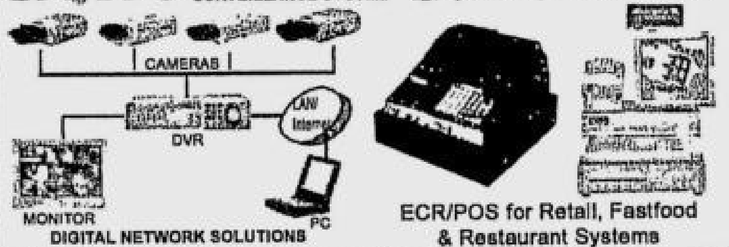
NOW AVAILABLE IN
30-CAPSULE TRIAL PACK.
For inquiries, text REG (space)
NAME (space) ADDRESS (space)
AGE and send to 09175500MET
Hotline: 0917500IMET

Available at
[illegible]
and other leading drug stores nationwide.

NO APPROVED THERAPEUTIC CLAIMS
BFAD APPROVED FR NO. 61879

Premium is better

MET TATHIONE



SANYO CCTV SECURITY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
Uniwell ABS
DIGITAL NETWORK SOLUTIONS
ECR/POS for Retail, Fastfood & Restaurant Systems

Exclusive Importer/Distributor:
New DATCHE Phils.
Unit LG2B, Globe Tower 1
Pioneer St., Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos.: (02) 7462678 • 6320049

CEBU (032) 2553990 GENSAN (083) 5528317
CDO (08822) 722785 BUTUAN (085) 3412468
DAVAO (082) 2211011
ILOILO (033) 5093369 • 0915-7863339

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

www.datchephils.com

a shopping spree in San Francisco: USD1,50
finding the perfect *pasalubong* for your loved ones: priceless
there are some things money can't buy. for everything else there's MasterCard
MasterCard

Use your MasterCard® card when you travel abroad for a chance to win an exciting getaway

Whether you're enjoying shopping in San Francisco or playing golf in Hawaii, traveling with your MasterCard is now even more rewarding. From **October 16 to December 31, 2007**, every USD10 equivalent you spend overseas on your MasterCard automatically earns you one raffle entry to win a vacation in Hong Kong, Singapore or Thailand.

Best of all, triple your chances of winning when you use your Platinum or Titanium MasterCard. No matter where your travels may take you, enjoy the very best of what Platinum and Titanium MasterCard has to offer in dining, travel and entertainment. Visit mastercardmoments.com to find out more about these exclusive privileges.

For more details, visit mastercard.com/sea. Terms and conditions apply.

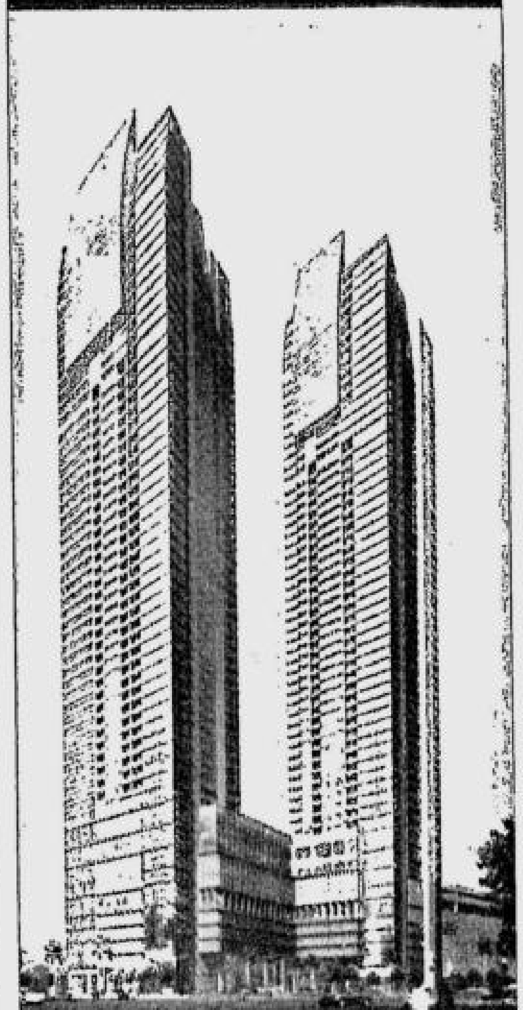
MasterCard

16 06 07

DEPARTED 10 OCT 2007

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4634, Series of 2007

THE ST. FRANCIS
SHANGRI-LA PLACE
The Ultimate in City Living



Rising 60 storeys above the
Ortigas skyline,
The St. Francis Shangri-La Place
sets the standard for practical
comfort and luxury living.

A project of Shang Properties,
the property development arm
of The Kuok Group,
The St. Francis Shangri-La Place
is an essential component
of the integrated
Shangri-La Place community
and is linked to the
EDSA Shangri-La Hotel and
the Shangri-La Plaza Mall,
with its wide range of upscale
shopping choices,
entertainment venues, and
dining options.

Now working on the
[illegible] construction
is in full swing with
turnover scheduled for
[illegible]

634-5678
or 634-8080, 634-8111

Or visit our showrooms at Level 1,
Shangri-La Plaza Mall
EDSA corner Shaw Boulevard,
Mandaluyong City
www.thestfrancistowers.com

SHANG PROPERTIES
Asian Heritage. Global Perspective.

HLURB L/S # 13493
See posters and flyers for details.
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. A3-0954, Series of 2007

Tired of going from building to building to distribute your resumés? We can help you.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER JOB Market

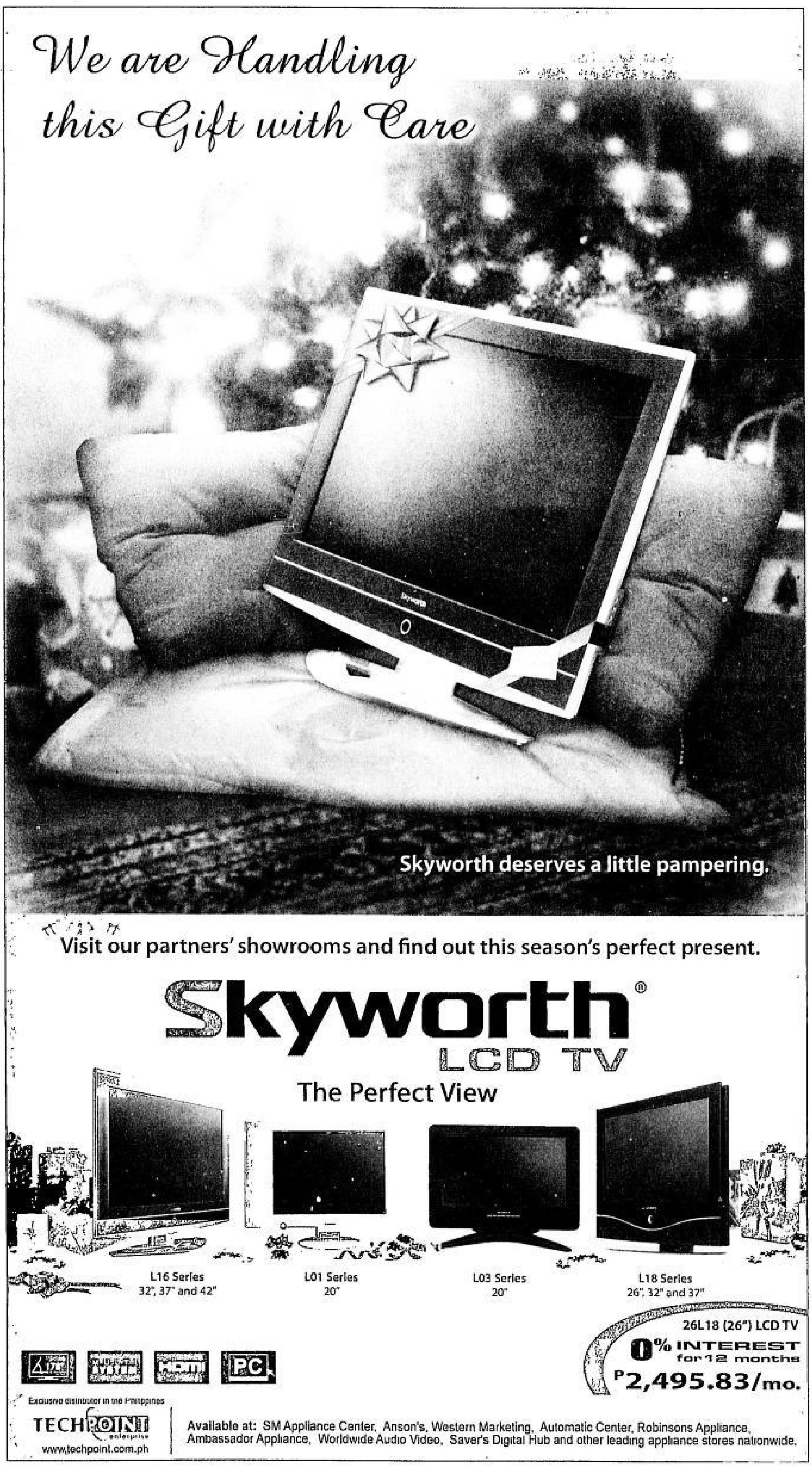
starts at $368*
Enjoy 2-nights in Macau and 2-nights onboard SuperStar Aquarius or SuperStar Libra

EXPERIENCE MACAU! and Star Cruises

SuperStar Libra
MACAU (Mon-Wed) : with breakfast, half day city tour, transfers and 1-way ferry to Hong Kong
CRUISE (Wed-Fri) : onboard SuperStar Aquarius
ITIN: Hong Kong • Haikou • Hong Kong

SuperStar Aquarius
MACAU (Wed-Fri): with breakfast, half day city tour, transfers and 1-way ferry to Hong Kong
CRUISE (Fri-Sun) : onboard SuperStar Aquarius
ITIN: Hong Kong • Haikou • Hong Kong

CONTACT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT TODAY!
MANILA: Cruise Shop Plus (439 0360) • GSA Cruises (706 7245) • Horizon Travel (306 1500) • Infinite Travel (521 5125) • Oltremare Tours (521 7690) • Pan Pacific Travel (243 6666) • Rajah Travel (523 8801) • Travel Unlimited (844 2561) • Uni-Orient Travel (243 3888)
PROVINCIAL: Fortune Travel (Cebu) 032 2342151 • Destinations Specialists (Cebu) 032-2322454 • Grandeastasia Travel (Davao) 082-2242801 • Konsturs Travel (Cagayan de Oro) 088-8565678 • Ties That Travel (Pampanga) 045-6255548



We are Handling this Gift with Care

Skyworth deserves a little pampering.

Visit our partners' showrooms and find out this season's perfect present.

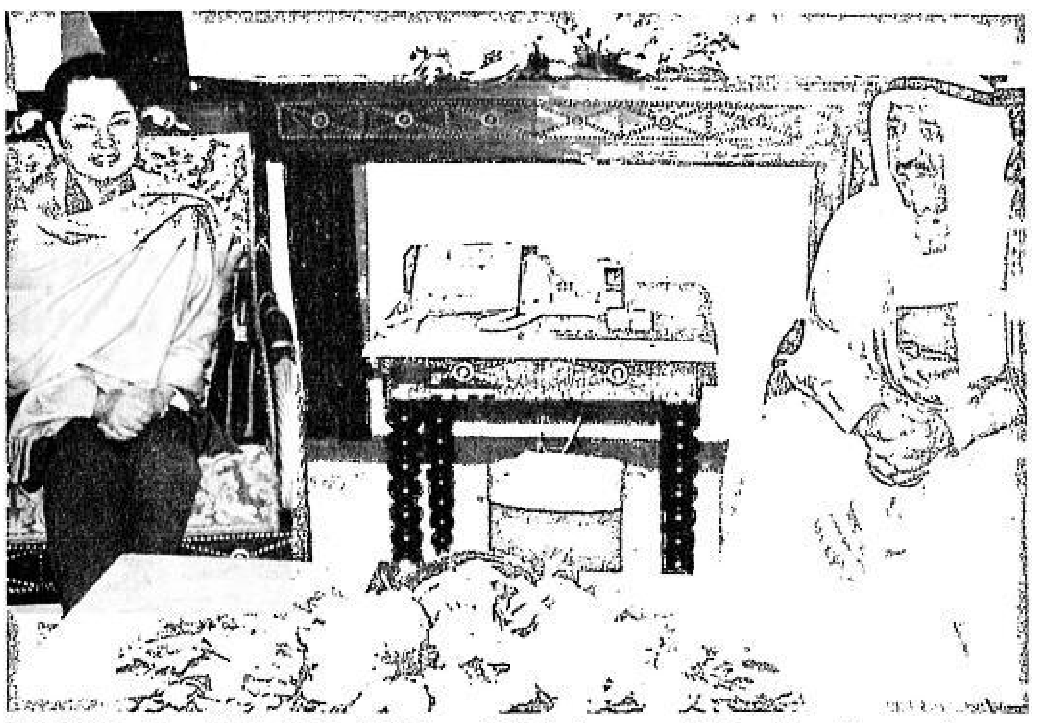
Skyworth® LCD TV
The Perfect View

L16 Series 32", 37" and 42"
L01 Series 20"
L03 Series 20"
L18 Series 26", 32" and 37"

26L18 (26") LCD TV
0% INTEREST for 12 months
P2,495.83/mo.

Exclusive distributor in the Philippines
TECHPOINT enterprise
www.techpoint.com.ph

Available at: SM Appliance Center, Anson's, Western Marketing, Automatic Center, Robinsons Appliance, Ambassador Appliance, Worldwide Audio Video, Saver's Digital Hub and other leading appliance stores nationwide.



THE EMIR of Kuwait Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah meets with President Macapagal-Arroyo who arrived in Kuwait City to seek clemency for Filipino maid and death convict Marilou Ranario. AFP

Emir spares Pinay's life

From page A1

age to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

She was accompanied on her Kuwait stop by a small party that included Foreign Secretary Aberto Romulo, Sen. Edgardo Angara, Ambassador Ricardo Endaya, Pampanga Rep. Aurelio Gonzalez Jr. and Bunye.

"The life of every overseas Filipino is important," Bunye quoted the President as saying, before Ms Arroyo and her party headed to Kuwait after the meeting with the emir was confirmed.

Ranario, 33, a school teacher who left her two children to try her luck in the desert emirate, was sentenced to death for killing her female employer, Najat Mahmoud Faraj Mubarak, 46, on Jan. 11, 2005, for allegedly mistreating her and insulting Filipinos.

Ranario said she had suffered physical abuse, lack of food and rest, and the nonpayment of her salary.

The Kuwaiti Supreme Court affirmed the sentence last month.

Letter of forgiveness

Even before Ms Arroyo went to see the emir, the Kuwaiti leader had already in his possession a letter of forgiveness that the Philippine government had secured from the victim's mother, paternal brothers and a sister.

Ranario's lawyer was also negotiating with the victim's estranged husband and maternal brother for forgiveness that would allow the emir to further reduce Ranario's prison term.

Philippine diplomats in Kuwait have recommended to Ms Arroyo to make available $70,000 as blood money for the victim's estranged husband in exchange for the letter of forgiveness.

In January 2006, Ms Arroyo sent a letter to the Kuwaiti ruler seeking his intercession in Ranario's case. Two months later, Vice President Noli de Castro flew to Kuwait to appeal to the emir on behalf of the President.

Last month, De Castro returned to Kuwait, carrying a second letter of appeal from the President to the emir.

Following the trip, De Castro expressed hopes that clemency would be granted because the victim's mother and three siblings had accepted blood money and agreed to forgive her.

INQUIRER efforts to reach Ranario's family in Surigao del Norte failed as the only number by which they could be contacted remained out of reach yesterday.

Atel Hijos, chair of the women's group Gabriela in Caraga town, said the commutation of the sentence was a little victory.

"At least the sentence was reduced to life. But she is still not free. She is still a convict. We hoped that the emir of Kuwait would have been more considerate," Hijos said.

Hijos said Gabriela would like to see Marilou home with her family.

"Her family is waiting for her return," she said.

Ranario's case has drawn widespread attention in the Philippines, whose economy relies heavily on remittances from nearly 8 million OFWs. Last year, OFW remittances totalled $12.8 billion in remittances—about 10 percent of gross domestic product.

Of that 8 million OFWs, about 73,000 work in the Gulf state. About 60,000 of them are women employed mainly as maids and earning an average of less than $200 a month, labor groups say.

Vigils

Workers' pressure groups have organized rallies and candlelight vigils for Ranario and urged the government to do everything to save her life.

In 1995, relations between the Philippines and Singapore soured when the city-state ignored appeals by Manila to halt the execution of Flor Contemplacion and hanged her for murdering a fellow Filipino maid and a Singaporean boy.

The government of then President Fidel Ramos was sharply criticized for moving too slowly to help Contemplacion amid massive anti-Singapore protests in the Philippines.

In 2004, the Philippines weathered criticism from the United States and other coalition forces when Ms Arroyo ordered its token peacekeeping contingent withdrawn from Iraq as part of a deal to save truck driver Angelo de la Cruz, who was seized by militants who threatened to behead him.

With reports from Allan Nawal, Inquirer Mindanao, and Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

JV sees 'painful' meet with GMA . . .

From page A1

Philippine Jaycees in Malacañang every year.

Ejercito, a member of the opposition, is the TOYM awardee for outstanding government service, an honor he welcomed.

"This is a prestigious award," he said when the TOYM awardees were announced on Friday.

As of yesterday, Ejercito said he had yet to make up his mind on whether or not to attend the awarding ceremony in Malacañang, where President Macapagal-Arroyo will hand out the trophies.

Erap's blessings

But should he decide to show up at the ceremony today, Ejercito said he had his father's blessings to meet with Ms Arroyo.

It would be Ejercito's first time to return to the Palace since January 2001, when his father and other members of the family left Malacañang.

"I know I deserve the award. That's what my father told me. But when I think of what this administration did to us, to my family, especially my father, it is really very hard and painful on my part," he said.

"For me, it (Estrada's ouster and imprisonment) is really very traumatic and can't easily be forgotten," the mayor added.

Ejercito continues to be one of the harshest critics of Ms Arroyo, who has been the opposition's object of scorn since she replaced Estrada in 2001.

After a six-year trial, the Sandiganbayan convicted Estrada of two counts of plunder and cleared him of perjury last September.

In October, the President pardoned him and restored his civil rights.

Like his half-brother, Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, and other members of the Estrada clan, Ejercito doesn't address Ms Arroyo as the "President."

The Estrada family also believes that the former President's ouster was engineered by Ms Arroyo's camp. They also believe she stole the presidency from opposition standard-bearer Fernando Poe Jr. in the hotly contested 2004 elections.

The San Juan mayor also opposed the idea of Estrada seeking a pardon from Ms Arroyo, stressing that she was the guilty party.

Ejercito said Ms Arroyo should seek a pardon from the public for detaining Estrada and for the numerous corruption and election scandals that have clouded her administration.

Health, education

In a statement, the Philippine Jaycees said Ejercito was responsible for San Juan's progress in the past six years.

The city, according to the organization, was recognized as the best fiscally managed municipality in the country in 2006 by the Commission on Audit.

"He has enhanced his health campaigns by providing affordable medicine and hospitalization, improving the local education system by establishing an affordable city college and providing an on-site housing program for the poorest of the poor in San Juan," the Jaycees said.

The other 2007 TOYM awardess are Kara David of GMA 7 for broadcast journalism; Gemiel Espino, military service; Anthony Rolando Golez Jr., disaster management; Dennis Mendiola, business leadership; Fr. Fernando Suarez, religious service, and Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco, community service.

Padua Furniture

NOW ON SALE!

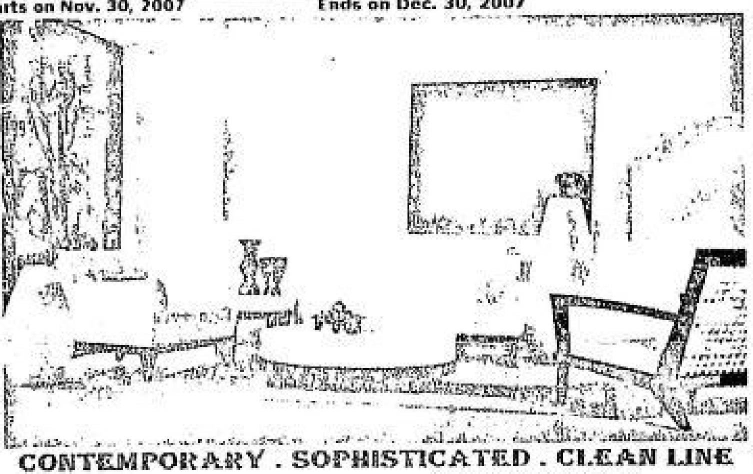
Starts on Nov. 30, 2007 Ends on Dec. 30, 2007

office hours:
10:00am - 8:00pm
OPEN ON SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
1171 A. Mabini St., Ermita Manila
T: 5267772 . 5267361 . 6457927
www.padua-intl.com
hotline:
09178318542 . vince
09178256371 . ron

50% discount
off the floor furniture

30% discount
for customized

VALET PARKING AVAILABLE



CONTEMPORARY . SOPHISTICATED . CLEAN LINE

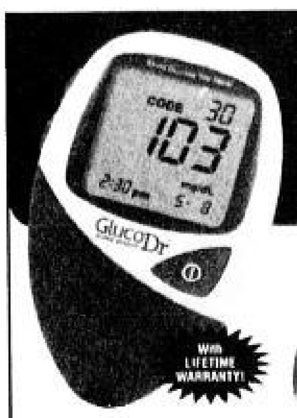
per DTI NCR permit# AI-725 series of 2007

Tired of going from building to building to distribute your resumés? *We can help you.*

JOB Market

DROP YOUR RESUMES OFF in drop boxes at any of the following Inquirer Classifieds branches:
Makati (Main) [illegible], Makati City | Makati Branch G/F [illegible] Bldg., [illegible] Ave., Makati City | Quezon City St. Anthony's Bldg., 891 Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City
Mandaluyong [illegible] SM Megamall, [illegible] | Manila G/F Trinity Bldg., 710 Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila | Or log on to www.jobmarketonline.com

---



GlucoDr™ SUPER SENSOR

Blood Glucose Test Meter for blood glucose self testing

Accurate blood glucose testing!

AGM-2200

BE IN CONTROL!

- EXCELLENT KOREAN TECHNOLOGY AWARD
- TOP 100 EXCELLENT PATENT AWARDEE BY KOREAN IPO

SPECIAL PACKAGE OFFER!!!

Gluco Dr Maxi Pack

FULL KIT CONTENTS

- Gluco Dr Super Sensor Test Meter
- Lancing Device
- Lancets
- Gluco Dr Super Sensor Test Strips
- Lithium Ion Battery (Installed)
- Carrying Case
- User manual

Exclusively Distributed by:
medical center trading corporation
Pioneer St. Cor. Shaw Blvd. Pasig City
Tel: 631-1715 • 631-0355 • 637-5504
Fax: (0632) 631-7880 • E-mail: [illegible]

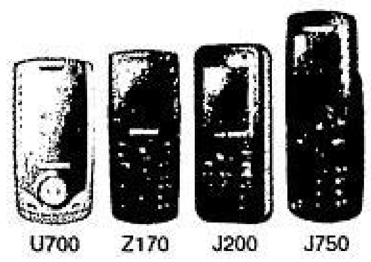
Imported by:
ETHICAL PHARMA, INC
[illegible] San Juan St. Pasay City
Philippines 1300

FDA CE 0123
EN ISO 13485: 2003
ISO 15197

BRANCHES: MANILA: 711-6374 PASIG: 631-1715 LIPA: (043) 757-2051 PAMPANGA: (045) 636-3110 PANGASINAN: (075) 553-7356 CABANATUAN: (044) 940-7812 NAGA: [illegible] CEBU: [illegible] DAVAO: [illegible] ILOILO: [illegible] CAGAYAN DE ORO: [illegible] ZAMBOANGA: [illegible]

mercury drug Stores Nationwide

Speaker on
Option
Back
SAMSUNG



U700 Z170 J200 J750

imagine Samsung high style with 3G technology

They're made for styling and built for speed. 3G connection made sleeker by Samsung's slim phone technology. Choose from a wide range and enjoy 3G capabilities Samsung style. With Samsung it's not that hard to imagine.

U700
- HSDPA Technology
- The slimmest HSDPA phone (12.1 mm)
- Dual Camera (3.2MP & VGA)
- Ice Power Technology by Bang & Olufsen
- Living World, Dual Time and UGo technology

Z170
- 3G Technology
- Dual Camera (1.3MP & VGA)
- Interchangeable Back Covers
- Document Viewer
- Expandable Memory
- Bluetooth

J200
- 3G Technology
- Dual Camera (1.3MP & VGA)
- Video Calling
- Dual Time
- Expandable Memory
- Bluetooth

J750
- 3G Technology
- Dual Camera (1.3MP & VGA)
- Video Calling
- Dual Time
- Expandable Memory
- Bluetooth

Samsung Electronics Philippines Corporation Ground Floor, Bonaventure Plaza, Ortigas Avenue, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila

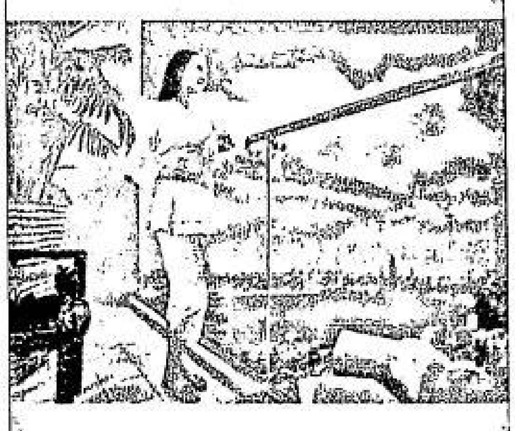
Samsung Customer Contact Center **TOLL FREE 1-800-10SAMSUNG** for PLDT or 1-800-3SAMSUNG for Digital

SAMSUNG

NCR • ABC Store • Abenson Inc. • ADI Telecoms • Ambassador Appliance • Anson's • Automatic Centre • Beeper City • Berlein Electronics • Best Mobile • BSD International • Commworks • Circuit Link • E-Phone / Orange Communication • Gadgets in Style • Games & Gadgets • Globotel Mobile Links, Inc. • Hello Telecoms • Intercall • Linkplus • Mactel • Megacellular • Memo Express • Mobile Experts • Northwestern Commercial • Novacell • Option Telecom • Power Telecom • Psalm 50:15 Telecom • Roundcircle • Shoppersmart • Sir Lance Enterprise • Twinline Trading • Wellcom Telecom Supermarket • Western Marketing • **LUZON** •1073 CELLSHOP • Addessa Corporation • Alpha Delta • Benerson Trading / PC • Qubelinks • Cellshoppe • Celphone Lab • Celvitek • COMMSTATION • Commworks • Dg Phone Cards Inc. • DGD TRADING • Dinalupihan Cellphone Solution • Dr. Celfone • Enigma Technology • Evegonz Gen. Mdse & Trading • FONERANGE/ PHONE STYLE • G.C. Masangkay • GENTXT/ GOLDSIGHT • G-telecom • Guanzon • IDD Phones • Inbox Personal • Innovasia Marketing • J & L EEZY ACCESS COMMUNICATION • KND FONEHAUS • Lika Telecom • Mike's Department Store • MJ CELLSHOP • Mobile Connection/The Outlet People • P. Aldana • PHONEMAX • Pines Multi • PRESNET • QSL Electronics • Rene Telecoms Sales Center "Galaxy" • RINWELL ENTERPRISES • TXT Cellular Phones • Vertext Handyphones • Viewers • Wow Mobile • **VISAYAS** • Aerophone • Airtouch • Audionet • Berlein • BQ Mall • BSD International • BSD International • Cell depot • Cellcom • Cellmart • Cellworks • Galleon • Galleon enterprises • Gleen Marketing • Junrex • Memo Express • Phones & Gadgets • Pos digital • Pos mktg • RC Goldline • Save n Earn • Syncom • Telegadgets • Wellcom • **CAGAYAN DE ORO** • Celwave • Graphic All in Communication • Spacecom • **MINDANAO** • 1st Choice • 8telcom • Busytone • Cell Block • EMC • Herrera Brothers • Janvik • Meetrovi • Memo Express • Mobile Network • Phones r Us • Ryantel • Skycom • Tekphone • Videotel • Wiltelcom • Wisebuy • Xtreme Lines

---

THE ST. FRANCIS
SHANGRI-LA PLACE
The Ultimate in City Living



Experience Shangri-La Even Before You Move In

Enjoy the legendary Shangri-La warmth and hospitality when you purchase a St. Francis Shangri-La Place unit from November 20 until December 31, 2007:

Two nights' accommodations with Chi Spa treatments for two at Edsa Shangri-La.

Airfare, two-nights' accommodations, and Chi Spa treatments for two at Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort and Spa.

Airfare and two nights' accommodations for two at Shangri-La Jakarta or Shangri-La Bangkok.

Airfare and two nights' accommodations for two at Shangri-La Singapore.

For promo details, call

634-5678

or 634-8080, 634-8111

Or visit our showrooms at Level 1,
Shangri-La Plaza Mall
EDSA corner Shaw Boulevard,
Mandaluyong City
www.thestfrancistowers.com

SHANG PROPERTIES
Asian Heritage. Global Perspective.

HLURB L/S # 13493
See posters and flyers for details.
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. A3-0954, Series of 2007

CA rules quadriplegic raped girl with kin's aid

By Leila B. Salaverria

WHEELCHAIR-bound quadriplegic Ronaldo Quesada can barely use his arms and legs, feeds himself with difficulty and needs help to get dressed.

But the Court of Appeals ruled that with the help of a female cousin, Quesada was able to rape a 15-year-old girl in Bulacan in 2003.

The appellate court affirmed the sentence of reclusion perpetua or 40 years meted out on Quesada and his cousin, Iza Kristin Ocampo by the Bulacan Regional Trial Court in 2006, and increased from P50,000 to P100,000 the damages they have to pay the victim.

Both Quesada and Ocampo had contested their conviction, saying, among other things, that it would have been impossible for the former to perform sexual acts against the victim in light of his condition.

But in its Nov. 28 decision, the appellate court said that despite his limbs being hardly usable, Quesada could still have committed the rape, especially since Ocampo had assisted him by holding the victim down and helping him move to complete the sex act.

The court pointed to the testimony of Quesada's physical therapist that the former could do a few movements with his upper extremities and could crawl and bunny-hop using his thighs and arms.

Quesada could also manipulate his genitals, had normal sexual urges and could have sexual intercourse, it added.

Unusual manner

The court said Ocampo's participation was vital in the commission of the crime done in an "unusual or aberrant manner" given that Quesada is a wheelchair-bound quadriplegic.

"However, while we are sympathetic to his condition, the fact remains that his being physically challenged on account of said disability did not deter him from raping the victim AAA, with the direct participation and indispensable cooperation of his cousin Iza," it said.

The court said Ocampo had a direct role in the execution of the act and cooperated in the commission of the offense by the indispensable acts without which the offense would not have been accomplished.

"The instant case shows the perverse reality of rape committed by a woman, together with a man, who is a quadriplegic," it said.

Ocampo was found to have undressed Quesada and the victim, carried her cousin from his wheelchair and set him on top of the victim. Ocampo, who was bigger than the victim, pinned down the girl's hands with her knees while physically moving Quesada to help him in the act of sexual intercourse.

Dizzy, confused

The victim said that on the day of the incident, Ocampo called her up several times at the house of her employer and forced her to come out. She said she had a fever and was dizzy at the time, and was confused.

After she came out, the victim said Ocampo pointed a bladed weapon at her and brought her to an apartment where Quesada was later brought. She said Ocampo undressed her while pointing the bladed weapon at her.

Strong peso bringing down Customs take

NOT EVERYONE IN the government is happy with the appreciation of the peso against the US dollar.

Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales said collections from duties and taxes on imports have been directly affected by the surge of the local currency.

"Our collection will definitely be affected since we collect in dollars and remit to the government in pesos," Morales said.

Morales has considered as a little "too ambitious" the Bureau of Customs' goal to collect P28.4 million this month in order to be able to meet the 2007 revenue target of P223-billion.

"We are trying our best to meet our target, but things get harder for us at the bureau as the peso grows stronger," Morales said in an interview, explaining that the first step in tax collection is converting the invoice value, which is in US dollars, to its equivalent in pesos.

The revenue target assigned to the bureau, which collects import taxes in US dollars, was based on an exchange rate of P48 to a dollar. As of Friday, the peso closed at 41.74 to a dollar—its strongest level since May 2000 when the exchange rate was P41.73 to a dollar.

The Customs chief said the bureau has been maximizing non-traditional measures of collections, including the post-entry review of oil and other bulk imports and on intensified antismuggling drive, to compensate for what they failed to collect.

The bureau has failed to meet its monthly revenue targets seven times in the last 11 months. It only met its target in July, August, September and November.

Margaux C. Ortiz

Magic Journeys
2/F, Rm 14, R Bldg. 22 Kamias Rd., Quezon City
TELS.: 926-69-66 ; 436-81-63 ; 474-13-31 ; TELEFAX.: 436-2439
CELS.: (0906) 4208548 ; (0919) 8148678 magicjourneys@yahoo.com

AIRFARES		PROMO PACKAGES	
NEW YORK	$600	3D HKG w/ DISNEY TOUR	$189
LAX/SFO	$495	1D HKG + 1D SZN PKG	$125
HONOLULU	$555	3D SINGAPORE PKG	$170
VANCOUVER	$640	3D KUALA LUMPUR PKG	$165
GUAM	$119	3D TAIPEI PKG	$262
EUROPE	$710	3D SAIGON PACKAGE	$228
NARITA	$384	3D GUAM PACKAGE	$188
AUSTRALIA	$435	3D MACAU PKG	$208
BEIJING	$298	4D BANGKOK PKG	$130
SAIGON	$125	4D SHANGHAI PKG (PR)	$325
SHANGHAI	$90	4D BEIJING PKG (PR)	$415
SINGAPORE	$90	4D JEJU ISLAND TOUR(PR)	$555
HONGKONG	$70	12DAYS EUROPE TOUR	$2455
MACAU	$70		
BANGKOK	$70		
MALAYSIA	$70		
TAIPEI	$50		

BOHOL P2[illegible] BORACAY P2[illegible] CEBU P2[illegible] CEBU+BOHOL P[illegible] DAVAO P2[illegible] PUERTO GALERA P[illegible] LAOAG P2[illegible] PALAWAN P2[illegible] EL NIDO P2[illegible]

AIRFARES		EXCITING PACKAGES	
HONGKONG $80 PR	$132	SIN+BANGKOK+HONGKONG	$ 498
BANGKOK $80/PR	$132	BANGKOK+SINGAPORE	$ 439
K. LUMPUR (5J)	$ 70	KUALA LUMPUR+BANGKOK	$ 448
SINGAPORE	$100	HONGKONG+SHENZHEN (PAL)	$ 199
WEST COAST	$500	2N HKG+SHENZHEN w/ DISNEY	$ 248
EAST COAST	$602	KUALA LUMPUR+HONGKONG	$ 448
SEOUL	$398	2Nites BANGKOK	$ 168
SHANGHAI	$228	2Nites SINGAPORE	$ 198
BEIJING	$328	3Nites SHANGHAI PKG (PAL)	$ 408
NARITA	$388	3Nites BEIJING PKG (PAL)	$ 418
EUROPE	$708	KUALA LUMPUR (5J)	$ 168
AUSTRALIA	$418	2Nites SAIGON PKG	$ 258
GUAM	$132	6DAYS BALI + BRUNEI PKG	$ 380
VANCOUVER	$528	BALI+SINGAPORE PACKAGE	$ 539

BORACAY 4199
PALAWAN 2999 / DAVAO 3999
BOHOL 2688/CEBU 2998
CEBU+BOHOL 7998
EL NIDO 20,999

MBO TOURS AND TRAVEL SERVICES
2/F MC Bldg. 1095 Pablo Ocampo corner Conchu Sts., Malate, Manila
Tels.: 484-3583 / 484-3582 / 522-1107 / 521-4744 / 484-3581
09282860119 / 09172757128 / mbo_tourstravelservices@yahoo.com

4D HongKong SZX/ CAN pkg US$ 135	3D HongKong Free & Easy US$ 147	3D HongKong / Macau package US$ 150
3D HongKong Disneydaytour US$ 163	3D HongKong SZX / Macau pkg US$ 170	3D HongKong Overnight in Disney US$ 231
3D BANGKOK Package US$ 170	4D BANGKOK Package US$ 180	3D SINGAPORE Package US$ 220
4D SINGAPORE Package US$ 244	4D SHANGHAI Package US$ 340	4D BEIJING Package US$ 330

SUNBRIGHT TOURS & TRAVEL
Room 602, Manila Pavilion Hotel, U.N. Avenue, Ermita, Manila 1000
[illegible] 5234226 / 5235830 / [illegible]
[illegible] Fax: 5251499
suntravel@pacific.net.ph
image@amadeusph.com
Business Permit No. 2006-22253

PACKAGE PROMO

HONGKONG+SHENZHEN	$ 159	BANGKOK	$ 175
HKG+SHENZHEN+OCEAN PARK	$ 219	SHANGHAI	$ 390
HKG w/DISNEYLAND DAY TOUR	$ 239	BEIJING	$ 269
SINGAPORE PROMO PACKAGE	$ 210	GUAM PKG	$ 355
BANGKOK+PATTAYA	$230	GUAM NCLEX	$ 370
		SAIPAN	$ 430
		SAIPAN NCLEX	$ 450

INTERNATIONAL TICKETS				DOMESTIC PACKAGES	
TAIPEI	$ 50	TOKYO	$ 400	BORACAY	P 4,400
HONGKONG	$ 70	AUSTRALIA	$ 460	BOHOL	P 6,600
BANGKOK	$ 70	NEW ZEALAND	$ 730	CEBU	P 5,550
KUALA LUMPUR	$ 70	WEST COAST	$ 520	PALAWAN	P 6,055
SINGAPORE	$ 90	NEW YORK	$ 620		
JAKARTA	$ 90	VANCOUVER	$ 620		
SHANGHAI	$130	TORONTO	$ 855		
GUAM	$139	EUROPE	$ 725		

WE OFFER OTHER INTERNATIONAL TICKETS ON ADVANCED PURCHASE PROMO
PATISSE INT'L TRAVEL & TOURS
G/F LBB2 BLDG., 1933 SAN ANDRES ST., MALATE, MLA.
TEL. 4007701 to 02/5236954/5272330/5272348
Fax: 4007705 Cell: 0920-9475107 / 0920-9510896
E-mail: patisseintl@amadeusph.com / patissetravel2000@yahoo.com

HONGKONG VIA CEBU PACIFIC + 1N SHENZHEN $70
W/ DISNEYLAND ADD $51
3D/2N PURE HKG VIA CEBU PACIFIC $135 WITH DISNEYLAND ADD $45
VIA PHIL. AIRLINES $217
BANGKOK 3D/2N W/ LUNCH $100 WITH PATTAYA ADD $57
SINGAPORE 3D/2N VIA CEBU PACIFIC $150 +MALAYSIA+INDONESIA ADD $76
SHANGHAI 4D/3N VIA CEBU PAC $141
BORACAY 3D/2N VIA 5J P1,816 BOHOL 3D/2N VIA 5J P2,100
3D/2N BORACAY+BFAST P1,300 QUAD
LAND ARRANGEMENT ONLY VILLA TYPE P1,500 TRPL P1,600 TWIN
PROMO TICKET: HONGKONG [illegible] BANGKOK [illegible] SINGAPORE [illegible] KUALA LUMPUR 70 SHANGHAI 80 SEOUL $320 CANTON 80 TAIPEI 90 MACAU 70 XIAMEN 80 GUAM $156 LAX/SFO $500 EAST COAST $650 NARITA $385 EUROPE $705
AMKOR TRAVEL & TOURS INC.
OPEN ON SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
R 406 WEST CITY PLAZA BLDG., 66 WEST AVE., QUEZON CITY
3765398; 3765399
4113852; 4116244
0920-2438383
amkortravelqc@yahoo.com
U 805 CITYLAND SHAW TOWER SHAW BLVD., MANDALUYONG
6320203; 6313355
6330003; 6318393
0927-7957958
amkortravel@yahoo.com

Philippine Hotel Reservations Service
HOTEL DISCOUNTS WORLDWIDE!
Savings at over 400 PHILIPPINE hotels and 20,000+ INTERNATIONAL destinations!
No more calling hotels directly!
Call 812-PHRS (812-7477)
Text 0928-984-3664
Mon-Sun 9-9
Instant Confirmation for the long weekend holidays!
We still have rooms available for these holidays at your favorite destinations like Boracay, Cebu, Bohol, Tagaytay, Subic, Baguio ...
Christmas Day (Sat-Wed), and New Year's Eve (Fri-Tues)
Now ready for booking! Houses, Villas, Condotels and Apartments

Got travel? Think Winlink.

3D2N	HONGKONG Free & Easy	$189	4D	DISNEYLAND FAMILY PACKAGE	$235
3D	DISNEYLAND FAMILY PACKAGE	$222	4D	DISNEY OVERNIGHT FAMILY PACKAGE	$266
3D	DISNEY OVERNIGHT FAMILY PACKAGE	$254		1N SHENZHEN 1N HONGKONG 1N MACAU	$359
4D	BEIJING Free & Easy	$480	2N 1N	SHENZHEN MACAU	$299
	1N SHENZHEN 2N SHANGHAI 3N BEIJING 1N MACAU	$499	3D2N	JAKARTA F&E	$169
4D	SINGAPORE Free & Easy	$245	4D	SINGAPORE Tri Cities	$285
2N 2N	SINGAPORE +KUALA LUMPUR	$352	4D	BANGKOK Free & Easy	$208
4D	BANGKOK BONANZA	$234	5D	BANGKOK + PATTAYA	$262
4D	SHANGHAI F&E	$278	2N 1N	KUALA LUMPUR GENTING	$360
4D	SAIGON F&E	$286	13D	EGYPT JORDAN HOLYLAND	$1,888
3D	KUALA LUMPUR F&E	$315	12D	WEST COAST ENHANCEMENT	$1,888
10D	LOS ANGELES · SAN FRANCISCO · LAS VEGAS				$1,568
5D	KOREA WINTER SKI	$888	15D	EUROPEAN SPOTLIGHT	$2,788
	JEJU ISLAND, SEOUL (NO VISA NEEDED) 4D Dec. 28-31	$585	5D Dec. 05-09 Dec. 15-19	$599 Dec. 22-26 Dec. 29-Jan. 02	$629
6D	WINTER GOLDEN TRIANGLE	$1,017		TOKYO with DISNEYLAND (HALF BOARD)	$999
8D	WINTER GOLDEN TRIANGLE w/ KASHMIR	$1,134			

TICKETS ONLY: LONDON $700 · LAX/SFO/SEA $580 · NEWARK $850 · BORACAY Php3,500 · PALAWAN Php3,300 · BOHOL Php2,500
WE ALSO OFFER Elementary / High School Educational Fieldtrip
CALL US FOR LOW AIRFARES WORLDWIDE!
WINLINK TRAVEL
CDC Bldg., 1105 M. Orosa St., Ermita, Manila, Philippines 1000
Fax • (632) 524-5880 / 526-2201
24HR Textline • (0918)349-8686
E-mail • winlink@mydestiny.net
winlink_pkg@pldtdsl.net
(632) 525-6306 522-5446 522-7738 404-1231 404-1249
IATA PTAA
DEC. 10, 2007

Happy Holidays!

INTERNATIONAL PACKAGE			
4D/3N HKG+DISNEY	$270	3D/2N MACAU	$288
3D/2N BANGKOK	$183	3D/2N SGN	$344
4D/3N BKK+PATTAYA	$268	4D/3N KUL	$365
3D/2N SINGAPORE	$275	4D/3N KUL+GENTING	$388
4D/3N SIN/KUL/INDO	$368	5D/4N BKK+HKG	$473
3D/2N JAKARTA	$306	5D/4N SIN+HKG	$505

AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PACKAGES

TICKET FARES (RT)		DOMESTIC PACKAGES	
TOKYO	$447	3D/2N PALAWAN	P7,500
SYDNEY	$550	3D/2N BORACAY	P7,900
VANCOUVER	$645	3D/2N CEBU	P8,000
LAX/SFO/SEA	$595	3D/2N BOHOL	P6,500
PARIS	$747	3D/2N CAMIGUIN	P9,000
HONOLULU	$625	3D/2N ILOCOS	P5,000

First Time Immig. Fares & Other International Tickets
and other Domestic Packages Domestic Tickets also available
SPECIAL PROMO: BUY 2 TAKE 1 Have 2 U.S. Visa Assistance and Get 1 Passport Processing FREE!
Other Services: Passporting, Documentation and Immigration Assistance, Travel Insurance, Transportation Rental
LOT FOR SALE: RODEO VILL. TAGAYTAY (LOT FOR SALE) 375 SQ. M
Visit or call us now for inquiries:
ROYAL WINGLINKS Travel and Tours
[illegible] Unit 105 Vareb Mansion 1679 A. Mabini St., Malate, Manila
[illegible] 524-4001 · 528-0057 · 494-4977 Mobile: (0917) 525-0877
email: info@royalwinglinks.com.ph · royal_winglinks@yahoo.com

Christmas & New Year Special
China Panorama
A1-5 Three Gorges Cruises 5 Days
VIKING CENTURY SKY
12/24 Departure (conjunction tour available Beijing, Shanghai, etc.)
Largest River Cruise Ship of the World

B1	Beijing 4 Days	12/20, 25, 27
H1	Shanghai 3 - 4 Days	12/23, 28, 30
C1A	Beijing, Xian, Guilin 6 - 8 Days	12/25, 28
C1B	Beijing, Shanghai 6 Days	12/20, 25, 27
C1C	Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Guilin 10 Days	12/23, 26
H3	Shanghai, Hangzhou, Suzhou 5 Days	12/21
M1	Xiamen, Quanzhou, Fuzhou 3-5 Days	12/22, 28
W1	Harbin 4 Days	12/23, 30
W2-4	Harbin, Dalian / Beijing / Shanghai 6 Days	12/23, 30
W5	Northeast Ice & Snow Festival 8 Days Harbin, Changchun, Jilin, Shenyang, Dalian	12/23, 30

Grand Mercure · MARCO POLO PARKSIDE · ETON · RAMADA PLAZA
For more details pls. contact your trusted travel agency or . . .
ASSIST-CARD
PANDA TRAVEL SERVICE INC.
479 - 481 Sto. Cristo Street, Binondo, Manila
Tels.: 242-2586 Trunk line Fax : 242-2650 ; 242-2652
http://www.pandatour.com
IATA PTAA DOT153-00

Special Promo Package
HONGKONG $95 $169 $201
BANGKOK $129 $143 $158
SINGAPORE $183 $195 $225

BUDGET FARES:			
HONGKONG	$80	HONOLULU	$575
BANGKOK	$80	SYDNEY	$635
SINGAPORE	$100	NAGOYA	$405
VANCOUVER	$655	SEOUL	$405
OSAKA	$370	SAIGON	$128
LAX	$565	TAIPEI	$128
SFO	$665	JFK	$675
TOKYO	$405		

HONGKONG·DISNEYLAND PACKAGE $290 · MACAU PACKAGE $208 · SINGAPORE MALAYSIA INDONESIA PACKAGE $253 · KUALA LUMPUR $158
OTHER INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC TICKETS/PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE
WE ALSO OFFER PASSPORTING, VISA ASSISTANCE & NSO
LOCAL TOURS: BORACAY-Php 6,895.00, PALAWAN-Php 5,580.00
BOHOL - Php 5,390.00, CEBU - Php 6,595.00, DAVAO - Php 5,935.00
SANS TRAVEL & TOURS
MAIN: P. TUAZON CUBAO
TEL#: 913-9508, 438-8227
913-9560, 438-8224, 439-2847
CEL#: 0917-6199922
0920-5416440
BRANCH: WEST AVE. Q.C.
TEL: 376-2810, 410-6677
410-8899, 410-3355
CEL#: 0927-8903082
E-mail: sans_travel@yahoo.com
Website www.sanstravelandtours.com

CHRISTMAS BLOCKINGS (DECEMBER 23-27 DEPARTURE)
4D SHENZHEN $[illegible]
4D SHENZHEN W/ DISNEYLAND $[illegible]
5D MACAU+SHENZHEN $[illegible]
4D HONGKONG+1N SHENZHEN $[illegible]
4D HKG+1N SZN W/MACAU DAY TOUR $[illegible]
5D MACAU + HONGKONG $[illegible]
7D SHANGHAI+BEIJING+SHENZHEN $[illegible]

4D GUANGZHOU+SHENZHEN+HKG	$189	3D HKG FREE & EASY	$143
4D HONGKONG+SHENZHEN	$179	4Days BANGKOK	$129
3D HONGKONG w/DISNEY	$167	4D KUALA LUMPUR	$175
4D MACAU + ZHUAHAI	$279	4Days SINGAPORE	$208
4D KUALA+GENTING HIGHLANDS	$215	4Days MACAU	$228
4D BANGKOK+PATTAYA	$212	4D SAIGON (via PAL)	$219
4D SIN+MALAYSIA+INDONESIA (via PAL)	$295	4Days BEIJING (MACX)	$330
7D KUALA+SINGAPORE	$286	5Days SHANGHAI	$185

KUALA LUMPUR	$60	SHANGHAI	$130	AUSTRALIA	$417
HONGKONG	$76	GUAM	$116	SFO/LAX	$495
SINGAPORE	$95	NAGOYA	$400	NEW YORK	$600
BANGKOK	$80	NARITA	$365		

FIRST TIME IMMIGRANT FARES AT VERY LOW PRICE!!!
VISA ASSISTANCE, PASSPORT PROCESSING, DOMESTIC TICKET & LOCAL PACKAGES, CAR RENTALS, HOTEL RESERVATIONS & EDUCATIONAL TOURS
AIR TRAVEL GUIDE & TOURS, INC.
2nd Floor Unit C Davis Bldg., A. Mabini cor. Sta. Monica Sts., Ermita, Mla.
Tel. Nos.: 450-8283 / 450-8281 / 303-1410 / 400-3013
Telefax : 522-0354 Cell Nos.: 0917-3295594/0922-8788871
E-mail: airtravelguideinfo@yahoo.com Website: www.airtravelph.com

Suite 1032 Citiland Mega Plaza Tower, ADB Ave. Ortigas Complex, Pasig City
9140398 | 6872818 | 6872808 | 9140399
6872984 | 6872739 | 09178282189 | 6872836
MOBILE: 0920-7893648, 0919-6826025, 0927-9848978

CHRISTMAS PROMO (Dec. 21, 22, 23 & 26)

SHENZHEN + HKG TOUR	$ 99	HONGKONG + SHANGHAI	$319
MACAU 1N + 3N SHENZHEN	$229	CANTON / HKG / SHENZHEN	$149
HONGKONG 1N + SZN 2N	$169	CANTON / MACAU / HKG	$319
SHENZHEN 2N + 1N MACAU	$189	MACAU / SZN / HONGKONG	$259
1N HKG+1N MACAU+1NSZN+DISNEY	$299	SHANGHAI + SZN + HKG	$219
HONGKONG 2N + 1N MACAU	$339	SHANGHAI + BEIJING + HKG	$379
1N HKG + 1N MACAU	$279	2N HONGKONG + SZN TOUR	$179

BUDGET PACKAGES		BUDGET FARES	
BANGKOK	$199	LA SFO	$529
BANGKOK + PATTAYA	$239	HONOLULU / SEATTLE	$529
BANGKOK + HONGKONG	$469	NEW YORK DCA-ORD	$629
SINGAPORE	$239	VANCOUVER	$619
SINGAPORE/MALAYSIA/INDONESIA	$329	AUCKLAND CHRISTCHURCH	$739
KUALA LUMPUR+SINGAPORE	$369	VIE PAR LON	$729
KUALA LUMPUR	$309	KUALA LUMPUR	$ 75
KUALA LUMPUR+GENTING HI-LND	$358	SINGAPORE	$ 95
SAIGON	$239	BANGKOK	$ 75
GUAM	$368	HONGKONG	$ 75
TAIPEH	$419	TAIPEH	$110

		LOCAL TOURS	
SHANGHAI	$289	SUBIC SAFARI TOUR(10 PAX)	P 990
BEIJING	$398	CORREGIDOR	P 1,590
ANGKOR WAT	$589	PUERTO GALERA	P 2,485
WEST COAST TOUR	$588	BORACAY	P 5,610
AUSTRALIA	$679	CEBU	P 5,040
JAPAN	$819	DAVAO	P 5,935
		PALAWAN	P 5,555
		LAOAG	P 6,335
		BOHOL	P 5,390

traveling in appreciation of GOD's beautiful & bountiful creations
Jordan, Holyland & Egypt
Mar 18-29 * $ 1950
Holyweek in the Holyland with the Carmelite Fathers featuring the story of Carmel
Highlights: Amman * Mt. Nebo * Madaba * Petra * Yardenit * Jordan River * Nazareth * Annunciation * Cana * Mt. Tabor * Tiberias * Tabgha * Capernaum * Mt. Carmel * Elijah's Cave * Jafa * Ein Karem * Visitation * Jerusalem * Magnificat * Bethlehem * Nativity * Mt. Scopus * Dormition Abbey * Gethsemane * Jericho * Qumran * Dead Sea * Mt Sinai * St Catherine * Cairo * Pyramids * Sphinx * Papyrus * Nile Cruise
EASTERN EUROPE
Apr 12-27 * $ 2850
(Very limited seats only)
Highlights: Frankfurt * Weimar * Berlin * Warsaw * Krakow * Budapest * Vienna * Prague * Munich * Rothenburg

CRUISE PROMO		
5N	ASIA (children FREE)	$500
7N	Mexican Riviera	$350
7N	Alaska	$419
10N	Scandinavia & Russia	$1480
12N	Mediterranean	$1805

PIRKKO & TROY TOURS, INC.
Tels: 638-6949 · 638-0699 · 637-2894 · Fax 638-8846
Mobile: 0922 833-4404 · 0922 833-4390
Unit 210 City & Land Mega Plaza (2nd flr. Parking Level) ADB Ave. cor. Garnet St., Ortigas Center, Pasig City
E-mail: pirkkotroy@gmail.com * pirkko_troy@yahoo.com

ASIA TOURS @ BAGSAK PRESYO from	
MACAU/HKG/SHENZHEN	$169
HONGKONG+SZN+DISNEY	$229
ALL HKG via PAL	$199
HKG + DISNEY via PAL	$237
HKG with STARCRUISE	$302
MACAU	$222
MACAU Venetian Hotel	$315
MACAU & ZHUHAI	$279
BANGKOK	$162
SINGAPORE	$207
SIN+Malaysia+Indonesia	$297
GENTING&KUALALumpur	$358
SAIGON, VIETNAM	$202
KOREA WINTER PKG	$970
SHANGHAI CHINA	$269
HONGKONG+BANGKOK	$465
HONGKONG+SINGAPORE	$517
HKG/Bangkok/Singapore	$645
HONGKONG + SEOUL	$775
BANGKOK+SINGAPORE	$488
KUALAlumpur+SINGAPORE	$499
SAIGON + SINGAPORE	$549

CHRISTMAS TOURS	
HONGKONG	$495
BANGKOK	$345
SINGAPORE	$465

BOOK DECEMBER TOURS NOW!
BOOK 2008 Tours w/ BIG Discounts

EUROPE INTERNATIONAL TOUR WINTER & CHRISTMAS *Cosmos/Insight/Trafalgar	
CHRISTMAS in ENGLAND	$2299
CHRISTMAS in PARIS	$2299
CHRISTMAS MARKETS	$2699
EUROPE 6 COUNTRIES	$2290
EUROPE 7 COUNTRIES	$2490
WONDERS OF EUROPE	$2590
COSMOPOLITAN EUROPE	$2890
EUROPE 3 WEEKS	$3590
EUROPE 1 MONTH	$4190
SPAIN	$2599
SPAIN & PORTUGAL	$2999
Spain Portugal Morocco	$2690
Prague Vienna Budapest	$2190
EASTERN EUROPE	$2599
SOUND OF MUSIC	$2699
RUSSIA	$2899
SPLENDORS OF ITALY	$2390
GREECE	$2190
TURKEY	$2190
EGYPT	$2190
Egypt.Nile.Aswan.Luxor	$3190

TRAVEL INSURANCE 30,000 Euros or Php 2.5 million
JOIN NOW! VISA TAKES TIME · w VISA ASSISTANCE

ALL PINOY TOURS	
ROME to PARIS 7countries	$2800
HOLYLAND/Egypt/Jordan	$1988
U.S.A. West Coast	$1700
AUSTRALIA	$1705
NEW ZEALAND	$2015
KOREA - Jeju only	$555
KOREA - WINTER SKI	$995
JAPAN from $1490 to	$1950
Tokyo.Mt Fuji.Disneyland	$1588
CHINA 8 days budget tour	$499
CHINA first class hotels	$999
TAIWAN	$999
MALAYSIA	$798
SINGAPORE	$798
THAILAND	$899
VIETNAM	$698
VIETNAM & CAMBODIA	$1268
INDIA 5 star hotels	$1588

MAKE YOUR OWN TOUR ANY DESTINATION HOTEL-TRANSFER-TOUR
EUROPE BY TRAIN
LOCAL TOURS&TICKET

USA & CANADA	
8D USA & CANADA	$684
7D CANADIAN ROCKIES	$680
EASTCOAST 8D $598 8D	$627
8D WEST COAST	$708
4D MEXICO/GUADALUPE	$1230
8D ORLANDO $638 8D	$847
3D GUAM with airfare	$358
16D GRAND U.S.A.	$1480
22DEC 13d USA package	$1700

SOUTH AMERICA	
12D Argentina/Brazil/Chile	$2990
18D LATIN AMERICA	$4590

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND	$3280
SYDNEY&NEW ZEALAND	$2190
AUSTRALIA 1 city from	$639
AUSTRALIA	$1698
Australia 8D ALL MEALS	$2299
NEW ZEALAND 1 CITY	$970
5 DAYS NEW ZEALAND	$1690
New Zealand 10D All Meals	$2988

CHEAPEST TICKETS WITH DELIVERY SERVICE!
RICHWORLD TRAVEL
4/F Richmonde Hotel Office 6
21 San Miguel Avenue
Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Tel: 6380183-85, 6898404
0917 882 1052

RAKSO Travel IATA PTAA
ONLINE, REAL TIME BOOKING ENGINE!
www.RaksoTravel.com
- Earn R-Points every time you book with Rakso for your international travel!
- Avail of Philippine Airlines Promo Fares!
- Offers Group and Individual Packages
- Cruise and Eurail Booking also available!
- Travel Information for first time Travelers!

Call us at 02 812-9667
Fax (02) 812-8035 / 840-2484
[illegible] Building 112 Aguirre St. Legaspi Village, Makati City
TRAVEL AT YOUR OWN STYLE
We'll create your dream corporate and incentive tours for you.
Call us at 812.9667 loc 122 or
E-Mail us at support@raksotravel.com

NEW DESTINATION
Film Location Koreanovelas (All In /Princess Hours/My Girl/ My Name Is Kim Sam Soon/Jewel in the Palace) LOC 114-116/118
This Winter, your best choice is
RAKSO Travel
GUARANTEED SEATS! NO VISA NEEDED!
All in Jeju Island (KOREA)
WORLD HERITAGE SITES BY UNESCO
DIRECT FLIGHT (PAL)
Jeju Island
TRAVEL PERIOD
Every Wednesday & Saturday
December 15 2007 - January 09, 2008
DISCOUNTED!
DEC 19 USD [4D/3N] 510~
DEC 26/JAN 2 & 9 USD [4D/3N] 555~
USD [5D/4N] 555~ DEC 15
USD [5D/4N] 599~ JAN 5
In Cooperation with: Philippine Airlines · Korea Tourism Organization · Jeju

SEOUL USD740
ANY DAY DEPARTURE
3D/2N FREE AND EASY
CgeNa Your Dream GADGETS www.CgeNa.com
AKOMODELO Your Dream of FAME www.akomodelo.com
WeGiveJobs.com Your Dream JOB www.wegivejobs.com

KOREA LOC 115/116
KOREA WINTER SKI 970
DEPARTURE DATE:
DEC 27 - 31 [5D/4N]
- Roundtrip Airfare (PAL)
- INCLUDED ADMISSION FEE:
Nami island · Everland Big 5 · Lotte World Big 5 · Kimchi House · Ocean World · Kyungbok Palace · Rental of ski equipment and suit
- MEALS:
4 breakfast inside hotel,
3 Lunch and 1 lunch at Tony Romas
4 dinner at local restaurant
Transfers with English Speaking guide
JAPAN LOC 112
TOKYO ANY DAY DEPARTURE 4D/3N AIRTEL USD707

ASIA LOC 117-118	
SAIGON	USD 233
KUALA LUMPUR	USD 400
TAIPEI	USD 408
JAKARTA	USD 376
BALI	USD 394

OCEANIA LOC 113	
BRISBANE	USD790
SYDNEY	USD822
MELBOURNE	USD790

AMERICA LOC 113	
NEW YORK	USD1254
LAS VEGAS	USD1214
HONOLULU	USD1039

FARES					
SEOUL	400	BEIJING	323	SIEM REAP	405
PUSAN	440	SHANGHAI	227	PHNOM PENH	405
JEJU	455	XIAMEN	138	GUAM	128
BANGKOK	115	SAIGON	128	HONOLULU	711
SINGAPORE	115	OSAKA	360	LAX / SFO	649
JAKARTA	128	NAGOYA	490	VANCOUVER	649
HONGKONG	120	NARITA	395	SYDNEY	450
TAIPEI	128			MELBOURNE	450

Soldiers ‘storm’ Makati City Hall

A GROUP OF 30 Army men—some of them in full battle gear—alighting from two military jeeps, a Hummer and a van in front of Makati City Hall just before 11 a.m. yesterday caused some alarm in the neighborhood.

Residents phoned the Makati police. Mayor Jejomar Binay, who was not apprised of the Army plan, objected.

“The military was supposed to only test their radio signals, but they arrived ready for battle, as if they were entering a combat zone. Clearly, this was another example of overkill,” Binay said.

The soldiers, from the Army’s 48th Infantry Battalion, did not enter the building which was guarded by about 50 members of City Hall’s security force.

Instead they surveyed the building’s surroundings, its entrances and exits and set up communication equipment, including an antenna to test radio and phone signals.

Try it

“On Tuesday, let’s see them try to get past us,” said one of the soldiers, referring to Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV and the junior officers on trial for the 2003 Oakwood mutiny. On Nov. 29, they marched out of a courtroom at City Hall and marched on the Peninsula Manila hotel which they took over for seven hours.

Maj. Gilbert Pinongcos said the soldiers wanted to find the best spot to set up their equipment on Dec. 11 and to determine where to take up positions.

Pen incident

He said the soldiers wielding long firearms were for security and arrived separately from their unit, which was responsible only for communications and was unarmed.

“This is like the Manila Pen incident in which the city government was kept out of the loop,” said Joey Salgado, Makati’s public affairs chief.

Salgado said engineer Egay Gundran, in charge of maintenance at City Hall, politely asked the soldiers to leave because they did not observe protocols in conducting their ocular inspection.

Police Senior Insp. Jose Dioquino, who arrived at the scene, said they did not know of the Army’s plans and learned about them only after residents called up wondering what the soldiers were up to.

“The police and military have developed this bad habit of ignoring civilian authorities. The last time civilian authorities were ignored was during martial law. *Sinasabi ba nila na nasa* martial law *na tayo* (Are they saying we are now under martial law)?” Binay said in a statement.

Binay recalled that when the Oakwood trial was set at City Hall in 2003, the military wrote the city administrator and held a series of meetings to discuss security preparations. Ocular inspections were done in a discreet manner then, he said. *DJ Yap*

PANASONIC
₱14,500
- 3 Lines 8 Locals
- 8 Lines 40 Locals
- 16 Lines 64 Locals
- 500 Locals Expandable
SPECIAL PROMO!!!
FREE DEMO
Authorized sub-dealer: Panasonic PABX
BRAND NEW
Intel Communication Corp.
316 Aurelio Building 1, 9th Avenue, Caloocan City
363-1083 • 364-8277

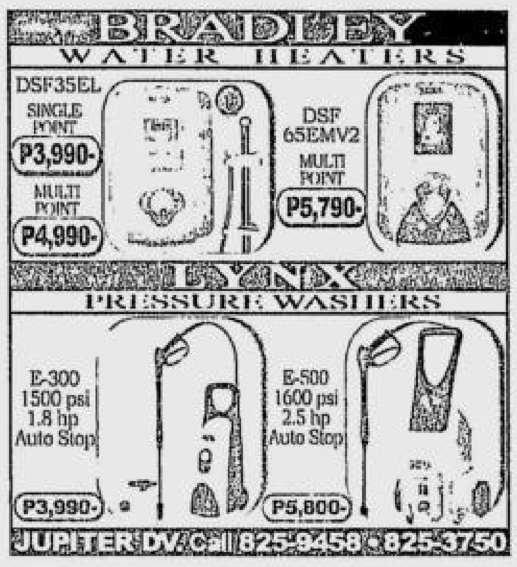
Panasonic
PABX Telephone System
- Call Transfer
- Music-On-Hold
- Call Privacy
- Intercom
INFINITE SYSTEMS 892-9073 to 77

idec
Wall-Mounted 1hp-P16,500
1.5hp-P18,500 2hp-P25,000
2.5hp-P30,000 4hp-P43,000
FLOOR MOUNTED 3hp-P39,500 5hp-P55,000
Ceiling Mounted 3hp-P39,500 4hp-P52,000 6hp-P65,000
Ceiling cassette 3hp-50,000
FREE INSTALLATION!
www.idec-aircon.com
iRV Single Piping System Intelligent Centralized Airconditioning System
One outdoor unit can drive up to 16 indoor units. Pipes can extend up to 150mts.

VIPER AUTOGATE
CONVERTS YOUR GATE TO REMOTE CONTROLLED
Swing-P35,000
P12,500
Sectional Garage Door
www.viper-autogate.com
Available at MC Home Depot-Ortigas & Fort Bonifacio
Free Installation!

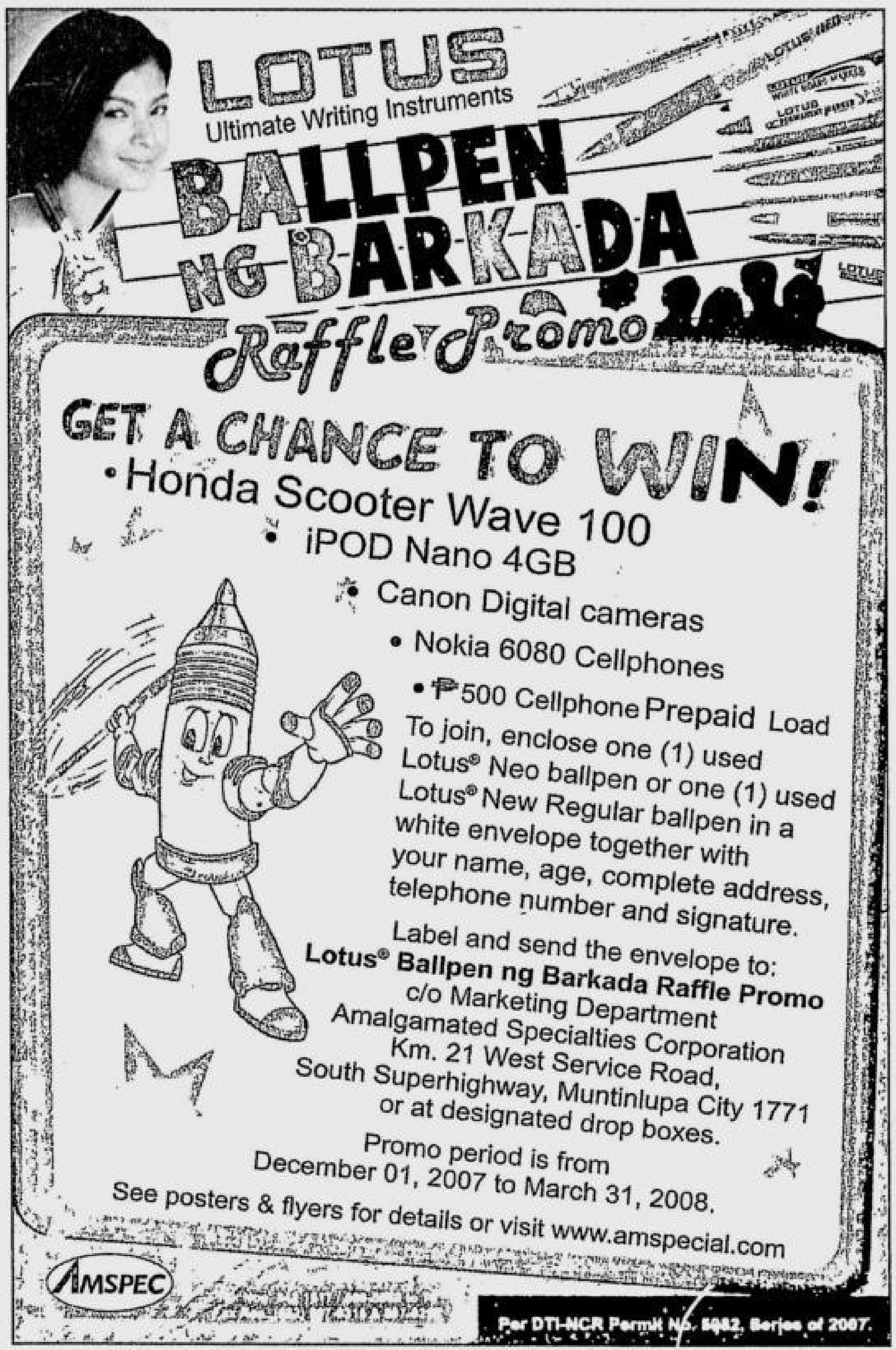
YOUR COPIER SOURCE
Ho! Ho! Ho! Deals!
Canon NP6050 50 cpm ₱55,000.00
Ricoh FT-3013 13 cpm ₱14,000.00
SALES • SERVICE • SUPPLIES
COPYTRADE®
749.8155 to 56 • 781.3472 • 749.8216
Copytrade Bldg. 550 M.F. Jhocson St., Sampaloc, Manila

0917 536 8638
0917-893-9691
DOTNET MULTIMEDIA
WE ACCEPT EX-DEALS
TARPAULIN 2x5 W/ STAND P500only
WE DELIVER NATIONWIDE
OFFSET PRINTING RUSH CHEAPEST QUOTES!!
BROCHURES P 1.50
RISOGRAPH P220/RM
PANAFLEX P280/SQ FT
CORPORATE AVP & WEBSITE
VAN RENTAL W/ DRIVER P2500
EVENTS AND AD CAMPAIGN
BETA/VHS/V8-DVD TRANSFER P195
SIGNAGE: NEON BACKLIT ACRYLIC
T-SHIRT/UMBRELLA/CAPS
414-0589 895-4748

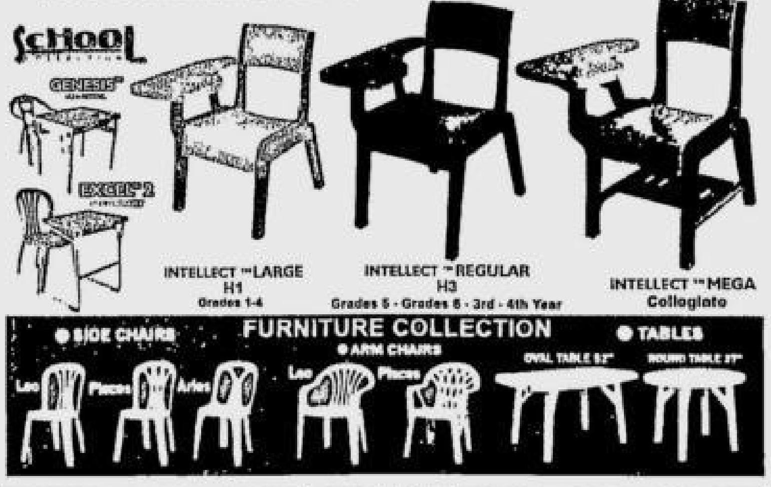


BRADLEY WATER HEATERS
DSF35EL SINGLE POINT P3,990-
MULTI POINT P4,990-
DSF 65EMV2 MULTI POINT P5,790-
LYNX PRESSURE WASHERS
E-300 1500 psi 1.8 hp Auto Stop P3,990-
E-500 1600 psi 2.5 hp Auto Stop P5,800-
JUPITER DV. Call 825-9458 • 825-3750

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR HOUSE!
CENTRO .025%RTU Ready to use
ANTI BUKBOK
WOOD PRESERVATIVES
✓ Highly recommended to treat all wood, bamboo, rattan materials, structure timbers, doors, floors, walls, furniture and handicraft products
✓ Ready to use as a brush on, spray or dip application for all types of wood
TEXICON
Century Chemical Corp.

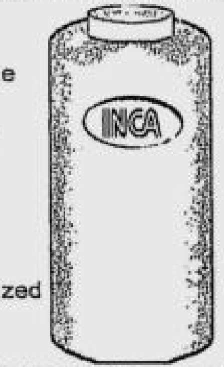


LOTUS
Ultimate Writing Instruments
BALLPEN NG BARKADA
Raffle Promo
GET A CHANCE TO WIN!
- Honda Scooter Wave 100
- iPOD Nano 4GB
- Canon Digital cameras
- Nokia 6080 Cellphones
- ₱500 Cellphone Prepaid Load
To join, enclose one (1) used Lotus® Neo ballpen or one (1) used Lotus® New Regular ballpen in a white envelope together with your name, age, complete address, telephone number and signature.
Label and send the envelope to:
Lotus® Ballpen ng Barkada Raffle Promo
c/o Marketing Department
Amalgamated Specialties Corporation
Km. 21 West Service Road,
South Superhighway, Muntinlupa City 1771
or at designated drop boxes.
Promo period is from December 01, 2007 to March 31, 2008.
See posters & flyers for details or visit www.amspecial.com
AMSPEC
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 5982, Series of 2007.



Sentinel PLASTIC MANUFACTURING CORPORATION
For inquiries pls. call us at: 373-97-97
www.sentinel.com.ph sales@sentinel.com.ph
INTELLECT™ TABLET ARM CHAIR
PRIMARY - COLLEGIATE
School GENESIS EXCEL 2
INTELLECT™ LARGE H1 Grades 1-4
INTELLECT™ REGULAR H3 Grades 5 - Grades 6 - 3rd - 4th Year
INTELLECT™ MEGA Collegiate
FURNITURE COLLECTION
SIDE CHAIRS Leo Pisces Aries
ARM CHAIRS Leo Pisces
TABLES OVAL TABLE 52" ROUND TABLE 37"

CITYLAND We commit, we deliver.
Rada Regency
Rada St., Legaspi Village, Makati City
24-storey commercial and residential condominium
own a 23.46 sqm unit for as low as
P1.86Mcash P25,045monthly
HLURB license to sell no. 12029
2007 Leading Condominium Developer National Awardee
Office of the President, HUDCC - HLURB www.CITYLAND.net
MAKATI 812-2222/818-8888 ORTIGAS 687-3333. VITO CRUZ 567-3333 MANILA 242-1212/243-6565



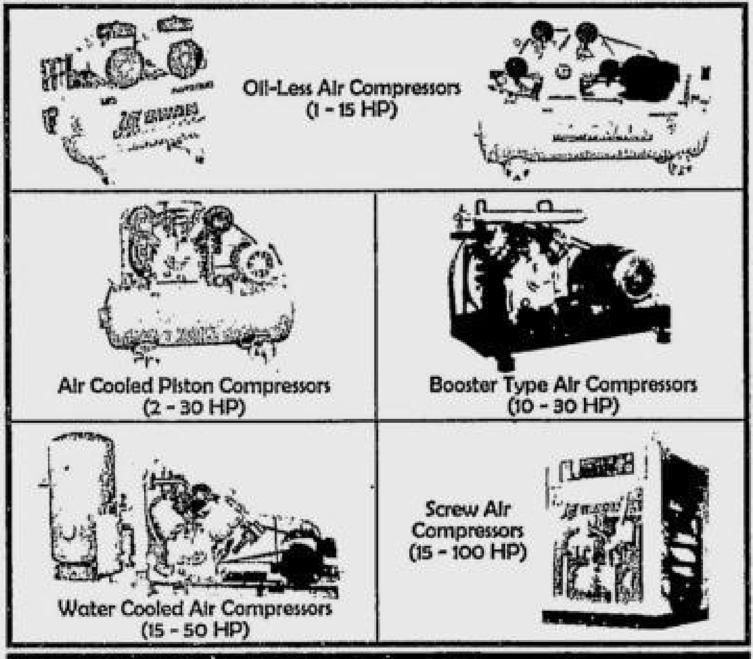
INCA
STORAGE TANK SALE!!
FACTORY DIRECT
10-YEARS WARRANTEE!!
- Virgin Polyethylene material
- Won't rust, break, crack, or chip
- Food Grade and FDA approved for safe & clean storage of water
- Ultra Violet Stabilized for outdoor use
- Complete with polyethylene fittings
- Suitable for corrosive chemical storage
- Ideal for salty water storage
- CASH SALES ONLY
- FREE delivery within Metro Manila only

AVAILABLE IN THESE SIZES

CAPACITY (LITERS)	HEIGHT	DIA METER	PROMO PRICE
370L	33.5"	30"	P 5,200.00
700L	41"	37.6"	P 8,100.00
1000L	54.75"	39.75"	P 11,600.00
1500L	83.75"	39.75"	P 17,400.00
2000L	102"	39.75"	P 22,100.00
4200L	86"	64.5"	P 50,400.00
7000L	120"	72"	P 84,000.00
10,000L	113"	90"	P150,000.00

HORIZONTAL TANK AVAILABLE PLS. INQUIRE:
INCA
Telephones : 809-2730 • 809-2776
850-0482 • 850-0372
Fax No. : 809-1108
Website : http://www.inca.com.ph
Email : incaplastics@yahoo.com
Provincial Toll Free : 1-800-1888-4622

SWAN AIR COMPRESSOR
Oil-Less Air Compressors (1 - 15 HP)
Air Cooled Piston Compressors (2 - 30 HP)
Booster Type Air Compressors (10 - 30 HP)
Water Cooled Air Compressors (15 - 50 HP)
Screw Air Compressors (15 - 100 HP)
DEALERS ARE WELCOME FOR INQUIRIES CALL:
Victor Hardware
Tel. Nos.: 743-6761 to 63 Fax: 712-2557; 743-4587
687 - 699 G. ARANETA AVE. QUEZON CITY
Email: victorhardware@yahoo.com Website: www.victorhardware.net



SWAN AIR COMPRESSOR
Oil-Less Air Compressors (1 - 15 HP)
Air Cooled Piston Compressors (2 - 30 HP)
Booster Type Air Compressors (10 - 30 HP)
Water Cooled Air Compressors (15 - 50 HP)
Screw Air Compressors (15 - 100 HP)
DEALERS ARE WELCOME FOR INQUIRIES CALL:
Victor Hardware
Tel. Nos.: 743-6761 to 63 Fax: 712-2557; 743-4587
687 - 699 G. ARANETA AVE. QUEZON CITY
Email: victorhardware@yahoo.com Website: www.victorhardware.net

People's Choice
HALL OF FAME
voted by readers SUPER BRAND Reader's Digest Philippines
GOLD 2006
GOLD 2005
PLATINUM 2004
GOLD 2003
GOLD 2002
GOLD 2001
GOLD 2000
GOLD 1999
Reader's Digest TRUSTED BRAND 2007 voted by consumers
PLATINUM
PILOT
Experience the Ultimate writing instrument
V5&V7 Hi-Tecpoint
BX-V5
BX-V7
Unique stainless steel pen tip with a micro ball in the tip made writing Ultimate Smooth
Philippine Exclusive Distributor
COSMOS BAZAR, INC.
571 Q. Paredes St., Binondo, Manila
P.O. BOX 1601 els.: 243-6912 to 14 Fax: 2425671
PILOT CORPORATION
Tokyo, Japan

Environmentalists join protests worldwide

SKIERS, FIRE-EATERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL campaigners joined in demonstrations worldwide over the weekend to draw attention to climate change and push leaders to take action.

From costume parades in Manila to protests by London cyclists, marches and events took place in hundreds of cities and towns across the world Saturday to coincide with the two-week UN Climate Change Conference, which runs through the end of this week in Bali, Indonesia.

Hundreds of people rallied in the Philippines' capital—wearing miniature windmills atop hats, or framing their faces in cardboard cutouts of the sun.

"We are trying to send a message that we are going to have to use renewable energy sometime, because the environment, we need to really preserve it," high school student Samantha Gonzales said in Manila.

In Taipei, Taiwan, around 1,500 people marched through streets holding banners saying "No to carbon dioxide." Hundreds marched outside the conference center in Bali.

Climate rescue carnival

At a Climate Rescue Carnival in Auckland, New Zealand, more than 350 people lay in a field to spell out the words "Climate SOS."

In Berlin, ice sculpture artist Christian Funk carved a polar bear out of 15 tons of ice at the Brandenburg Gate.

"Everybody has to do something against climate change and we cannot rely on politicians to take care of this," Corinna Fischer said, marching with the other protesters through the center of Berlin.

Christmas markets throughout Germany were switching off lights for five minutes, and British cyclists pedaled into Parliament Square in London, to protest about the city's level of car traffic and its effect on global warming, organizers said.

In Helsinki, Finland, about 50 demonstrators ground their skis across the asphalt on the main shopping street, bemoaning a lack of snowy winters.

Fire-eaters blew billowing clouds of flames at a rally in Athens, Greece.

US protests

Americans also protested Saturday. In Massachusetts, about 50 demonstrators took a quick "polar bear" plunge into the bracingly cold waters of Walden Pond, made famous by the 19th century philosopher Henry David Thoreau who wrote about his experience living on its shores.

"We want our elected leaders—the congressmen, senators and the president—to realize that global warming is a serious problem that needs their leadership," organizer Roger Shamel said.

In Fairbanks, Alaska, protesters skied a frigid slope wearing just bathing suits or underwear. It was 19 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 7 Celsius) during the ski, unusually warm for this time of year. *AP*

GLEANERS like these women in Colombio, Sultan Kudarat, are most vulner

US, China ...

From page A1

of pollutants pumped into the atmosphere, but in a nonbinding way.

Its preamble notes the widely accepted view that industrial nations' emissions should be cut by 25 percent to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2020. But even those numbers are likely to set off renewed debate at the Bali talks, which are meant to launch a two-year negotiation for a post-Kyoto Protocol agreement.

Delegates from nearly 190 nations will, among other things, decide what form those talks should take.

As for mandatory emissions caps, De Boer said, "I really hope that that is a discussion that will be taken up toward the end of that two years rather than here."

The Kyoto pact, which was rejected by the United States, commits three dozen industrial countries that signed on to cut emissions by an average of 5 percent below 1990 levels in the next five years.

One of the reasons Washington didn't sign on was that it did not set targets for fast-developing countries like China. The two nations are the largest emitters of climate-changing gases, though scientists do not always agree which tops the list.

'We're not ready'

The chief US negotiator said Washington would come up with its own plan to cut global-warming gases by mid-2008, and would not commit to mandatory caps in the coming days.

"We're not ready to do that here," said Harlan Watson, whose country favors a more voluntary approach to cuts. "We're working on that, what our domestic contribution would be, and again we expect that sometime before the end of the Major Economies process."

That process of US-led talks was inaugurated in September by US President George W. Bush, who invited 16 other "major economies," such as the Europeans, Japan, China and India, to Washington to discuss a future international program of cutbacks in carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping emissions.

Watson said the final decision would likely be announced at a "leaders" meeting in the middle of next year.

US parallel talks

But environmentalists accuse the Bush administration of using those parallel talks to subvert the long-running UN negotiations and the spirit of the binding Kyoto Protocol.

China, which is increasingly turning to coal-powered electricity plants and factories to help fuel its booming economy, has also stood firm in saying it would not agree to binding targets. It says the West is responsible for rising temperatures, because it has been pumping climate-changing gases into the air for centuries.

"China is in the process of industrialization and there is a need for economic growth to meet the basic needs of the people and fight against poverty," said Su Wei, a top climate expert for the government and member of its Bali delegation.

The European Union, on the other hand, has committed to binding emissions reductions of 20 percent by 2020. Midway through the two-week conference, many of the assembled nations were demanding such firm commitments from Washington as well.

"It would be useful for Annex I, non-Kyoto countries"—code for the United States—"to indicate what level of effort they'll make," said M.J. Mace, a delegate from the Pacific nation of Micronesia, whose islands are threatened by seas rising from global warming.

Al Gore, UN chief

Prominent figures, including Nobel-winning former US vice president Al Gore and UN chief Ban Ki-moon, are due to arrive here in the coming days as the summit enters its crucial final week.

"The whole year has been pointing at the Bali process," said John Coequyt, a climate campaigner from Greenpeace.

"We have been here for a week now and there is not a lot of difference in discussion, tone and energy from previous summits. Things are going to have to change when ministers get here." *AP, AFP*

NEW FROM PHILIP MORRIS.
SO COLD IT'S TURNED BLUE.
Philip Morris King Size.
Exceptional Menthol Cigarettes.

Government Warnin
is dangerous

able as the extreme climate wreaks havoc on farms.

LINA SAGARAL REYES / INQUIRER MINDANAO

Climate change spawns ...

From page A1

the day you can see the heat waves rising as if we are in the middle of summer. And if it rains, the floods will wash out everything in the fields."

The mild monsoons used to occur during Ramadan in September and October. This time, the wind shifts were unpredictable, Manamba says.

A study by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), quoted in "Up in Smoke? The Threat of Climate Change to Human Development and Environment," showed that increases of 1°C at nighttime during the growing season, well within the predicted range of global warming, would reduce global rice yields by about 10 percent every year.

The black bugs, which began to appear in the mid-1980s, have become more deadly and numerous, Manamba says.

"They suck the juice out of the rice stalks and so the grains will not ripen. I use pesticides, but I can't spray as often as instructed because I can't afford to buy the entire dose," he says.

Wiser bugs

The bugs also seem to have developed resistance to the pesticides.

"They seem to be wiser than human beings now. They hide within the cracks of the earth and wait till the next rains come," he said.

He would not know now where to get food for the next season or whether he will find money to feed his family.

His daughter Norain is the best reader and speaker at the Makat Elementary School, says her teacher, Josie Kusain.

Madamba wants his child to become a nurse but he does not even know how to send her to high school.

As the president of the Parents-Teachers Association, Manamba spearheaded a community garden to help tide families over through the dry season.

Nothing grew, except the hardy *gabi*, a root crop.

He expressed hope that he would learn organic farming methods, which he had heard was already being used in other towns.

In the meantime, his family subsists on the subsidy of one kilo of rice per child offered by the Department of Education and the World Food Program.

Manamba was among the thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) who tried to rebuild their lives back in their communities after the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels and government soldiers agreed to a ceasefire.

The nongovernment organization Oxfam-Great Britain, which has projects in health and education here, considers farmers like Manamba among the 40 million rural poor in Asia who are hardest hit by global warming. Children and women are the most vulnerable.

A moveable river

"The Alip (River) that flows through Makat has always been a 'moveable' river," says Abraham Adam, the madrasah teacher at the Makat Elementary School. "It changes direction every seven years."

Adam says that in the past two years, it had become so unpredictable.

Flood waters from the denuded Dagoma Mountain Range, where the headwaters are located, used to reach here in an hour. Now, it takes just about 15 minutes for the rampaging waters to come.

A mining firm is exploring the mountains for gold and chromite deposits, Adam said.

The school days depended much on the condition of the river as the schoolhouse for Grades 5 and 6 are on the opposite side of the village. At least 50 students and about the same number of farmers have to cross the river twice every day in order to get to school and to work in farms.

Already, four schoolchildren have drowned.

The villagers want a footbridge to be built across the river so the schoolchildren are safer on their way to and from school. But the town coffers cannot yet afford to build one.

Going organic

International experts advise that "communities must build their resilience by adopting appropriate technologies and diversifying their livelihoods to cope with the coming climate stress that lies outside the realm of human experience."

In Barangay Sepaka in Datu Paglas in neighboring Maguindanao, another group of resettled evacuees has turned to organic farming to deal with the black bugs.

"We save a lot, as much as 90 percent of the costs for buying fertilizers and pesticides," notes Norhaisa Iskak. "Our yield is much smaller and we earn less from our crop, but at least we only invest a little."

"And our crops don't fail. We know this kind of food, grown without chemicals, is good for our health," Iskak said.

The rich must pay

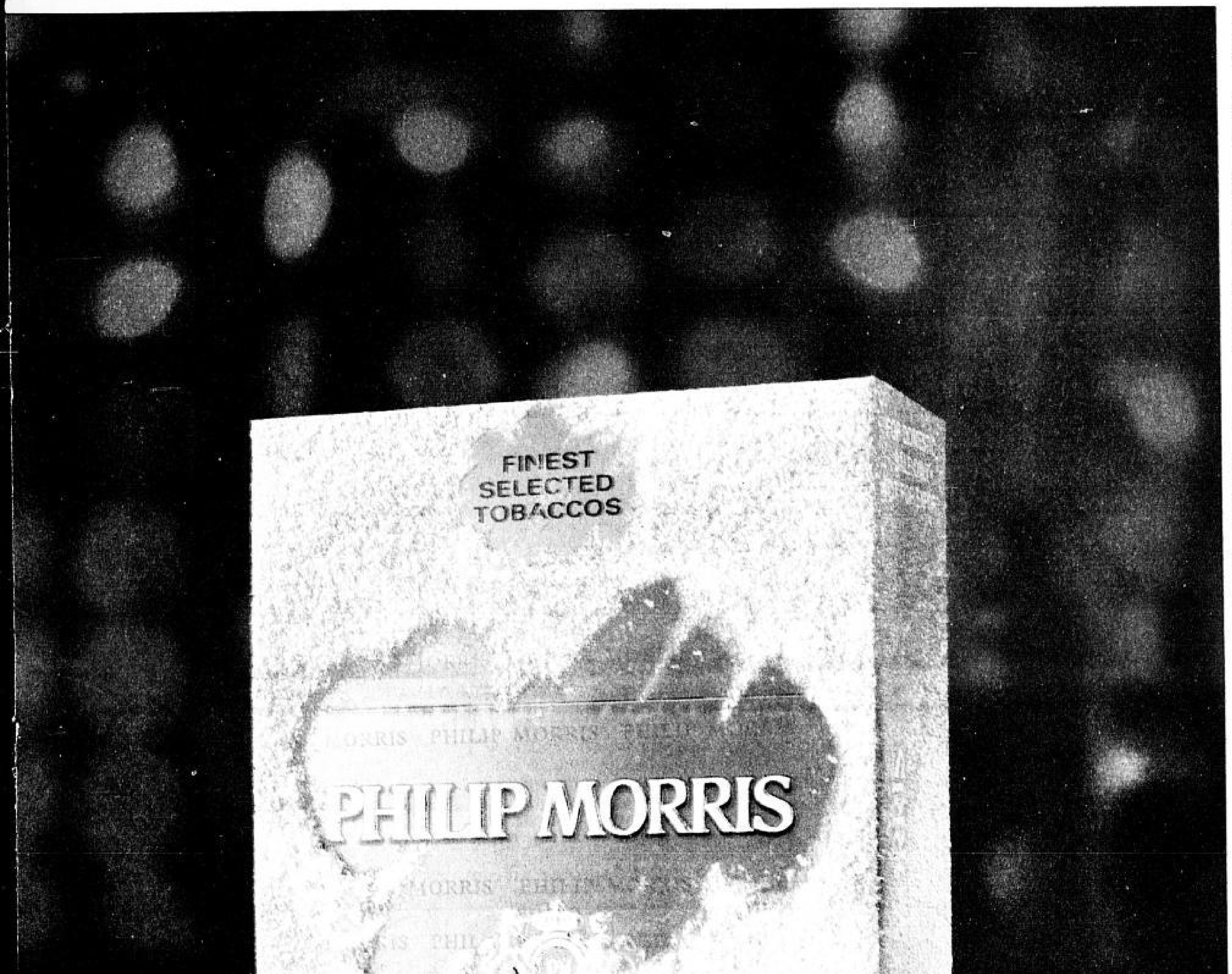
Funding for making small and remote rural communities, like Makat and Sepaka in the ARMM, more adaptive and resilient must come from rich countries, like the US, Germany, Britain and Japan, stresses Oxfam.

"Rich countries, primarily responsible for creating the problem, must stop harming, by fast cutting their greenhouse-gas emissions, and start helping, by providing finance for adaptation," it says.

"In developing countries, adaptation will cost at least $50 billion each year, and far more if global emissions are not cut rapidly," Oxfam explains.

In a statement released for the Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia, this week, Oxfam says "an approach rooted in equity and justice suggests that countries that are both responsible for producing excessive emissions, and capable of providing assistance, should bear the costs."

"Adaptation calls for many tens of billions of dollars each year. But rich countries have so far pledged a mere $182 million to international funds for developing-country adaptation—less than half of one per cent of the minimum amount that Oxfam believes is needed overall," the agency said.



* Philip Morris King Size 20's now available in sari-sari stores nationwide.

g: Cigarette smoking
to your health

ISSN 0116-2642 INQUIRER Vol. 23 No. 2

OPINION

Email: feedback@inquirer.com.ph Website: www.inquirer.net/opinion

Text us your feedback: inquirer opi name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, INC. has its business and editorial offices at
•Chino Roces Ave corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City
•P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City
•Our telephone numbers are 897-8808 connecting all departments
•Editorial Fax 897-4793 / 897-4794 •Advertising 897-4807
•Circulation 523-5570
•Subscription Hotline 896-6000

•100% soy ink•

The long march

EDITORIAL

THE UNFORTUNATE FARMERS FROM SUMILAO marched a great distance to protest the terrible failure of agrarian reform in their ancestral land in Bukidnon, but the chasm between their cause and Malacañang's appreciation of the situation is greater than the 1,700 kilometers they traveled in the last two months.

From chilly Europe, where she is basking in the under-informed acclaim of kings and university presidents, President Macapagal-Arroyo sent word to her alter egos in the Cabinet that they should handle the marching farmers with great care. "The President feels that this is a volatile situation," Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said the other day.

Unfortunately for the President, Spain's newest human rights champion, the "situation" is the way it is partly because of the Arroyo administration's own failures. On Friday, after finally reaching the gates of Malacañang, the farmers were not allowed entry inside the presidential palace. The Executive Secretary, Eduardo Ermita, could have extended them the courtesy of a meeting, but decided against it. He did not even send anyone of high rank to meet them at the palace gates.

Two days earlier, he had dismissed their effort to seek an audience with him with a cruel jest: "We understand that anytime they can be seen probably in Quezon City, in the general area of the DAR. Of course, they want to dramatize their march, saying they will go to Malacañang."

Aside from obvious ignorance (the protest march, called Lakaw Sumilao, kicked off on Oct. 10 with Malacañang as the ultimate destination), Ermita's casual dismissal revealed a bureaucrat's disdain for the dramatizing potential of protest actions. But street protests in a democratic setting are precisely meant to highlight a cause or an injustice or a course of action; it may offend Ermita's air-conditioned sensibilities, but the very purpose of what used to be called the parliament of the streets is to force the bureaucracy to throw its windows wide open. He may think the pungent blast of air rushing in and rustling the papers on his desk is mere theater; he would be wrong.

What would it have cost Ermita to meet the farmers at the gates? The hoarse tirade of weary farmers, the indignity of a hundred cameras recording his reluctant receipt of a letter from a cardinal—surely these are minor inconveniences, when considered from the higher perspective of the country's democratic project.

Did Ermita think that, by meeting the farmers at the gates of Malacañang, he would have set a dangerous precedent, that of a presidency buckling under emotional blackmail? Well, how dangerous can this precedent be, if the standard it set is extraordinarily high: first a hunger strike, followed by years of bewildering litigation, then the lapse of a five-year period of development and finally a two-month march over a 1,700-kilometer route. This is not exactly the sort of leak that leads to the opening of floodgates.

Besides, it is this extraordinary saga of deceit and betrayal and suffering—the travails of the travelers—that is precisely the point, isn't it? The Sumilao farmers are not merely protesting the relatively recent purchase of the disputed farm lands by San Miguel Foods; they are protesting the way powerful forces, including the development company owned by landlord Norberto Quisumbing Sr., have treated them in the last harrowing decade.

It may have been that the Supreme Court was suckered (pardon our French) by Quisumbing or by other parties; we will not quarrel with the high court's adverse decisions, except to note, with Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, the superiors of religious organizations and the farmers themselves, that an essential condition of those decisions has not been complied with. During the five-year period of development when the Quisumbing company should have started work on its ambitious or indeed grandiose plans, nothing happened. It was left to San Miguel Foods to begin development of the land—but by then the five years had lapsed, and the Quisumbing company had succeeded in playing the high court for a fool.

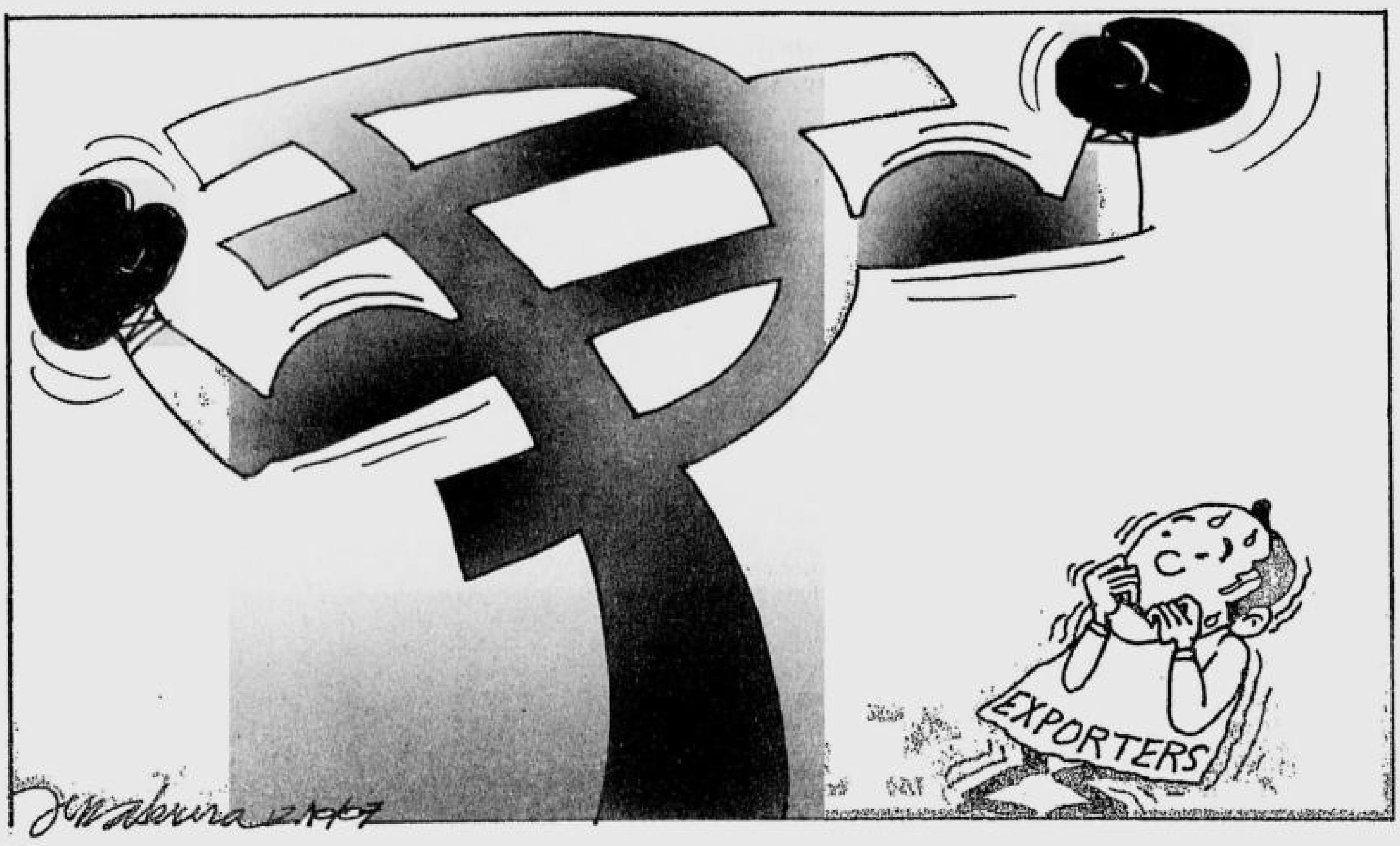
An injustice has been done. Perhaps a certain champion visiting Europe would care to flex her well-honored, if not necessarily well-honed, human-rights muscles?

Publisher **ISAGANI YAMBOT**
Editor in Chief **LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANOC**
Managing Editor **JOSE MA. D. NOLASCO**
Associate Editor **ABELARDO S. ULANDAY**
Associate Editor for Readership **ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO**
Opinion Editor **JORGE V. ARUTA**
News Editor **ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA JR.** • *Chief, Page One Operations* **NILO B. PAUROM**
Chief, News Day Desk **RUBEN G. ALABASTRO**
National Editor **PERGENTINO B. BANDAYREL JR.**
Senior Desk Editor **JUAN V. SARMIENTO JR.**
Editorial Consultant **AMANDO DORONILA**
Chief Photographer **ERNIE U. SARMIENTO**
Art & Design Director **LYNETT A. VILLARIBA**

Board Chairman **MARIXI R. PRIETO**
President **ALEXANDRA PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ**
Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing **RENATO R. REINOSO**
VP for Advertising **FELIPE R. OLARTE**
AVP for Circulation **SANDY SIMON R. YAP**

Readers' Advocate **LORNA KALAW TIROL**
readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph • Tel. No. 897-8808, Loc. 342

All rights reserved. Except as permitted by law, no part of the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reproduced or distributed in any form or by any means stored in a database or retrieval system without its prior written permission.



PPA's plea: Justice, not technicalities

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

(This is a continuation of the Dec. 7 column on the Philippine Ports Authority's land expropriation case in Batangas City.)

3. ON WITHDRAWAL OF EXPROPRIATION complaint. The PPA is being asked to pay P14 billion for the land to be expropriated. The PPA said that was beyond its means (it has a budget of only P4 billion a year), and therefore it would rather not go through with the expropriation. Ms Llana-Santiago, one of the landowners, said in her letter that it would be more expensive for the PPA to return the expropriated properties.

PPA's comment: The present price being asked for the expropriated properties defeats the very public purpose envisioned for the Batangas Port Development Project, Phase II. If the PPA would be forced to pay P5,500 per sq m for lots that are clearly agricultural in nature, that would mean that the project would no longer be feasible and the national government would be forced to foot the bill for a project that is no longer economically viable. In layman's terms, instead of the project contributing to the economy, the government will have to subsidize it if the PPA would be forced to pay the P11 billion in compensation (interests bloats it to P14 billion).

Necessarily it would be the ordinary taxpayers like us who would ultimately bear the brunt of paying the cost of this land acquisition. This is totally unjust for the people who are now reeling from the rise in the prices of basic necessities.

The PPA cannot afford the cost of expropriation. Contrary to the mistaken claim of Ms Llana-Santiago, the PPA's retained earnings of P14.9 billion is merely a ledger account. Retained earnings enumerate the history of the cumulative annual net income of a corporation. They do not represent liquid assets which can be readily drawn for payment of obligations. The retained earnings of the PPA are now in the form of port facilities strewn all over the country that has in the meantime become properties of public dominion. As properties of the Republic, port facilities are beyond the commerce of man. They can no longer be transformed into cash to satisfy the P14 billion in claims. Even if these facilities can be converted into cash, payment to the landowners of P14 billion would leave the PPA bankrupt.

Hence, withdrawal of the project is more feasible for the PPA and the government than paying for overpriced agricultural lands.

4. On the claim that the PPA squandered its opportunity to present evidence.

PPA's comment: This is very technical, fit only for lawyers. And even assuming that the PPA squandered its opportunity to present evidence, that is no reason for the landowners and their lawyers to take advantage of it. It does not serve the ends of justice.

To repeat, there is enough evidence on record that beg consideration to arrive at the just compensation for the expropriated lands. The compensation must be just not only to the landowners but also to the government. Government lawyers' failure to refute the allegations of the landowners that their properties are priced at P5,500 per sq m is of no moment. The government cannot be bound by the mistakes, if any, of its officers. Besides, there are relevant pieces of evidence which, if considered, would support a just finding of compensation for the expropriated lands.

This very issue is another reason why the Supreme Court should relax its technical rules and inquire into the proper just compensation for the lots in question. If the landowners themselves believe the PPA has squandered its opportunity to be heard on just compensation, then surely it would understand why the PPA is now appealing for a chance to be heard. If the landowners are really confident that their properties could fetch P5,500 per sq m, then it should not be afraid to allow the PPA to present evidence.

One defendant in the expropriation case has voluntarily sold his property to the PPA at P500 per sq m last Oct. 15, 2007. There must be really something wrong about the trial court pricing the lands at P5,500 per sq m.

As I see it: I think that the decision of the trial court judge (who has since retired) fixing the just compensation at P5,500 per sq m for agricultural land is too much. Aerial photographs of the questioned properties are better evidence than the declaration of private appraisers whose opinion can be biased. The present developments in the area were done by the PPA, not the owners. And you cannot force anybody to pay for something he/she/it cannot afford.

The landowners will not lose anything if their lands are returned to them. If they are really worth P5,500 per sq m, then they should be able to sell them to other buyers willing to pay the price. Besides, the PPA has already paid the down payment, which they can keep as well as the developments that the PPA has put in.

On the other hand, the taxpayers, which include the poorest of the poor, will be forced to foot the bill to satisfy the greed of some landowners who would already be handsomely compensated even if the price is lowered to more reasonable levels.

And justice will not be served if the Supreme Court will hide behind technicalities to resolve the dispute. The courts are there to dispense justice, not to spout technicalities. And the highest tribunal is there precisely to correct the mistakes of the inferior courts. It is a basic judicial principle that substance is superior to technicality. Hiding behind technicalities is laziness. And the justices would be abandoning their duties of dispensing justice by resorting to technicalities in deciding cases.

Coming home

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

I FLEW BACK LATE LAST WEEK, A BONE-JANGLING trip because of a nine-hour layover in Bangkok. It was an outrageous arrangement made less so only by the fact that the fare was reasonable in an unreasonable peak season—Filipinos flew south, or east, like migratory birds on Christmas. I was glad when the first rays of the sun touched my skin in Bangkok, and was able to take off my coat after what had seemed like (coming from the United Kingdom) the Ice Age. Time has a way of expanding in the cold, and I'm not sure that that isn't so physically as much as psychologically.

The sunshiny feeling however was dampened by a pall of cloud that fell on me upon seeing fellow Filipinos at the gate for the Thai Airways flight to Manila. It was like having a mirror put on your face telling you, to your eternal shock, how you looked. Or it was a photograph that carried the caption, "What has happened to us?"

No, I didn't mind the cheap cologne and the huge *balikbayan* boxes and the shoving rush with which we comported ourselves—the impressions of that person who wrote about OFWs sometime ago and who earned their everlasting ire. I too was dismayed by that article, though more because of the grand illusions of the observer rather than the dismal realities of the observed. The idea of looking down on one's own out of a sense of belonging to the upper side of the social divide and possessing superior (really just expensive) tastes is never pleasant. It's also rubbing salt on wound, when you contemplate the depths of sacrifices the OFWs make, not least the longing for home in the cold and desolate places they're in, just to keep their and their loved ones' heads above water.

In any case those impressions were nowhere in evidence in the Bangkok waiting area. There was no cheap cologne wafting anywhere, not even in the plane itself later on; no huge balikbayan boxes, or at least I did not see them because we were past the check-in area, though most everyone seemed to have strained the limits of the allowable hand-carried luggage; and no mad rush to the door, only an eternity of waiting to endure—quite literally miles to go before you slept. There was, however, more than the usual share of noise.

Coming from a country that seems dedicated to talking in hushed tones, an impression deepened by the breath of winter, the sudden and precipitous rise in decibel levels could not escape notice.

That was so moreover since I was trying to catch some sleep and had sunk into a row of seats fully lying down face up, grateful for the luxury, my head cradled by the book I had been reading, and a group of compatriots nearby seemed determined to tell the story of their lives, emitting cackling laughter at almost regular intervals and making respite elusive. They looked more like NGO types than OFWs. I don't know if they worked there or were coming home from a conference, I didn't much care one way or the other in the state I was in. I fidgeted exaggeratedly to hint at the unwanted, indeed much-resented, intrusion. I should have known people who were oblivious to their surroundings to begin with were not likely to catch hints, subtle or broad. And alas, I was too tired and too, well, Asian (that's another story and an interesting one) to be confrontational.

That also made me notice something else, which is that, unlike many other people in the airport, no one among our compatriots was reading. Even outside the gates at the duty free area, solitary Filipinos did not relieve the tedium, or passed the time, or seized the moment—however you regard time, as enemy or ally—reading. They did so—shopping. Window or otherwise, and such as one can shop with the meager amounts one has.

That was what dimmed the sunshiny feeling in me. I wondered where we would be down the road, maybe five, 10, years from now. Let me be clear: I do appreciate what OFWs and other Filipino migrants abroad are doing, heroically if completely unintentionally keeping our collective heads above water by sending millions of dollars of remittances back home. Heaven help us if something should happen to that. But you wonder also if the gap between us and our neighbors in terms of level of education or sense of aspiration or capacity for ambition, however you put it, isn't widening over the years, as shown by the difference in attitudes and behavior patterns of various nationals in this airport. You wonder how long a people who exist more and more on survival mode, content to keep the status quo, can compete with other peoples who are determined to better themselves every day (not least by reading) the better to conquer the world. Life, like time, doesn't stop, even at airports.

I remember what the late Raul Roco once told me, which was when he first went abroad during the early '60s as a youth representative to a leadership conference. Then, he said, you would really be proud to be Filipino, the Filipino enjoying the reputation of being one of the most educated Asians, possibly next only to the Japanese. I felt the sting of pain and anger again at the thought of what corruption really meant—little helped by the knowledge that a bunch of benighted Filipino officials, who neither read nor wrote, who merely lied and stole, were even then winging their way to some of the most expensive places on earth using taxpayers' money to give vent to their shopping instincts—which is depriving this country of money that could go to enabling most of us to read and write. The better to go out into the world with a desire other than to torment people who are trying to sleep.

You always long desperately to come home when you are abroad. The only thing is what you are coming home to.

What is the DAR secretary waiting for?

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.

THE DESPERATE FARMERS OF SUMILAO ARE knocking at the door of the Department of Agrarian Reform. Will DAR listen?

The issue is not whether the three decisions of the Supreme Court rejecting the original appeal of the farmers should be reversed. The issue now is new: whether the terms of the approved conversion plan for a rich farm land into industrial use have been followed by the landowner.

The Supreme Court doctrine pronounced in 2002 is that the conversion of agricultural lands into non-agricultural uses should be strictly regulated and may be allowed only when the conditions prescribed by law are present.

We may grant that the original conversion order was lawful, even if it squeaked through only on a procedural technicality. But the farmers are saying that, lawful or not, the conditions for the conversion have not been fulfilled and that therefore and by law the conversion should be revoked. What is the score on this?

The Comprehensive Rules on Land Conversion require that the developer should commence the development of the property within one year and should complete it within five years and that, if completion will not be achieved within five years, a written request for extension should be filed.

What were the terms of the development which were approved for the 144 hectares? I repeat what I enumerated last Monday:

- 24 hectares would contain a **Development Academy of Mindanao** consisting of an Institute for Higher Education, Institute for Livelihood Science, Institute for Agri-Business Research, Museum, Library, Cultural Center and Mindanao Sports Development Complex.
- 67 hectares would contain a **Bukidnon Agro-Industrial Park** consisting of a processing plant for corn oil, corn starch and various corn products; cassava processing for starch, alcohol and food delicacies; processing plants for fruits and fruit products such as juices; processing plants for vegetables; cold storage and ice plant; cannery system; commercial stores; public market and abattoir.
- 33 hectares for **Forest Development** including open spaces and parks for recreation, horseback riding and mini animal zoo.
- 20 hectares for **Support Facilities** including a 360-room hotel, restaurants, dormitories and housing project.

What followed after the conversion was approved?

Consider the following:

On 30 November 2004, or more than five years after the conversion order, the assistant regional director for operations of DAR reported: "In plain view, there has been no development in the NQS-RMDC property which purports to be in line with the conversion application."

On 20 June 2005 the regional director engineer reported to the DAR secretary: "As of this Memorandum, the Honorable Secretary is hereby respectfully informed that there has been no development in the NQSRMDC property that can be associated with the landowner's conversion application."

On 27 October 2006 the DAR secretary himself stated that the landowner had failed to develop the property within five years and did not request for an extension.

In such circumstances, what is the DAR secretary expected to do? The way is clear for him under the Comprehensive Rules on Land Conversion, which say:

Section 34. Effects of Approval of Conversion. The approval of an application for conversion shall have, but shall not be limited to the following effects:

34.1. It shall be limited to the specific use of the land authorized in the Conversion Order ....

34.3. The conditions thereof shall be binding upon successors in interest of the property.

Section 47. Grounds. The following acts or omissions shall warrant revocation of the Conversion Order:

47.3. Non-compliance with the conditions of the Conversing Order.

47. 5. Conversion to a use other than that authorized in the Conversing Order.

The Comprehensive Rules on Land Conversion, moreover, command the DAR to monitor compliance and, "in case of applicant's failure to comply with the required period or failure to request for extension . . . [to] initiate the filing of action for total or partial revocation of the Conversion Order and the forfeiture of performance bond in favor of Agrarian Reform Fund."

The landowner failed in its commitment to make the development. Instead, the landowner sold the land to San Miguel Foods Inc. (SMFI).

Under the rules, the successor in interest to the property is bound by the terms of the approved conversion. SMFI plans to put up a piggery with 162 buildings to house 4,400 female pigs and 44,000 piglets and also to put up a slaughterhouse. Compare this SMFI project with the originally approved conversion plan. The former was people's welfare-oriented; now it is pig-oriented! Did the DAR secretary approve the change in orientation?

What is most painful for the farmers is that they had already won Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs) which were registered in the Register of Deeds, only to be revoked to give way to the bogus promise of development. What more is DAR waiting for?

A woman named Consuelo

COMMENTARY

Belinda A. Aquino

HONOLULU—THE PHILIPPINE ELITE HAS HIStorically been a male-dominated domain. That's why we never really read or hear about the women, with exceptions, of course, in these upper-class families in Philippine society. In fact some of them are completely unknown.

I bet not many know or knew who Consuelo Alger was. Mention of the name always elicits raised eyebrows. I myself didn't know who she was until I came to Hawaii in the '70s. I first heard her name mentioned by the late Jesuit Fr. John Doherty, who was in exile in Honolulu at the time, having been barred by the Marcos regime from returning to the Philippines after visiting the United States. He was working on a project for homeless people, an initiative of Consuelo Alger after whom a multimillion-peso foundation based in Hawaii would later be named. The Consuelo Foundation has a branch office in Makati and has undertaken various projects involving not only the homeless but also disadvantaged children, women and families. But who was Consuelo?

She was a Zobel on her paternal line and an Ayala on her mother's side, who married a West Point graduate, James Alger, reportedly the youngest three-star general of the United States at the time of their marriage. After he retired, they moved to Hawaii in 1970 to live permanently—but that's getting ahead of the story.

To understand Consuelo's lineage, we must go back to 1832 when a pharmacist named Johannes Andreas Zobel arrived in Manila from Hamburg and established the Zobel Botica in Intramuros. We all think the name Zobel is Spanish; in fact it is of German origin. He also established a chemical laboratory engaged in exploiting iron and copper mines in Bulacan and Baguio. He was the grand patriarch of the business empire that was to carry his name centuries later.

Zobel's origins and motives for his emigration to the Philippines where he became a wealthy businessman remain "in historical darkness," according to one source on the Internet. There were speculations that some political matters associated with revolutionary movements at the time might have given him a reason to leave Europe.

It will not be possible in this limited space to detail several succeeding generations of the Zobel clan, one of whom, Jacobo, later married Trinidad Ayala y Roxas, the daughter of a rich Basque-Philippine family who invested in "alcoholic distillates."

One of his sons, Enrique Ayala Zobel, expanded into many other business fields: porcelain and glass, banking and insurance, building design and real estate, and sugar cane production. From original rice fields, he developed the beginnings of present-day Makati.

Consuelo Zobel was Enrique's daughter from a second marriage and was described as a "strong Catholic and deeply impressed by the charity of Saint Therese." She was particularly inspired by the saint's statement: "What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love." Consuelo herself had written, "St. Therese did what I want to do in life... to let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses. My mission will begin after my death. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth." She must have been truly religious.

In 1940 she married Alger, who was then stationed in the Philippines as a young officer. After his retirement, they lived permanently in Hawaii, where the general died in 1986.

Interestingly, Consuelo's sister Mercedes also married an American military officer by the name of Joseph McMicking, who was with the staff of General MacArthur.

Consuelo led a quiet life in Hawaii but decided to channel her inherited fortune to a humanitarian mission to alleviate poverty and suffering among the poor. Father Doherty helped out in designing the program for the depressed community of Waianae on west Oahu in Hawaii. He and the late Vicky Bunye, who was then director of human resources of the City and County of Honolulu, had several meetings with Consuelo on this project.

Then, in 1987, Consuelo met social worker Patti Lyons, who was just starting a homeless shelter for street children in Manila. "Through this fateful meeting," according to the literature on the foundation to be later named after Consuelo, "the initial seeds took root from which Consuelo Foundation was ultimately grown." Patti eventually became the president and CEO of the Consuelo Foundation. Consuelo Alger established the Foundation in 1988 "envisioning communities in Hawaii and the Philippines in which disadvantaged children, women and families achieve dignity, self-esteem and self-sufficiency resulting in renewed hope for those who have lost it and hope to those who have never had it." Her dream was further strengthened with the help of diversely talented members of the foundation board and many dedicated and committed friends.

She died in 1990 and her memory lives on through the foundation she built for humanitarian reasons.

She could easily have built a business empire in keeping with her family tradition dating back 175 years and opted to live the life of the rich and famous. She could have profited immensely from the tremendous resources she inherited. But Consuelo had a big heart and chose instead to cast her her lot with the poor. That must have been disappointing to some of her affluent relatives.

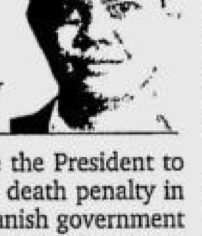
Her example should inspire many from among the elite classes in the country, which have yet to develop and nurture a culture of philanthropy and generosity in Philippine society.

Belinda A. Aquino is professor and director of Philippine Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Sobre la Indolencia de Los Españoles

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



THE PAPERS REPRODUCED PHOTOGRAPHS, IN glorious color, of the King of Spain decorated with the Order of Lakandula, rank of Supremo, of his heir, the Principe de Asturias with the blue sash of the Order of Lakandula, rank of Bayani, of Queen Sophia wearing the Maringal na Kuwintas of the Order of the Golden Heart, and one of the Infantas with the red sash of the Order of the Golden Heart, rank of Maringal na Krus. The President, in turn, wore the collar of the Order of Carlos III (a step up in prestige from her father, who'd been decorated with the Order of Isabela Catolica), and her husband with the gold and white sash of the Order of Isabela Catolica, rank of Grand Cross.

The glitter and pomp of the twice-postponed state visit to Spain surely pleased the President. I know an archbishop of whom I am very fond (except for his deplorable politics), and he beamingly told me once that the basis for his zealous support of the President is that they're both members of the Academia Filipina de la Lengua Española. I'm sure he's breathlessly waiting for copies of Hola magazine, in the hope it will feature glossy photos of the state dinner. Indeed, the Spanish visit would have been a cause for national pride, if it hadn't been marred by another awards ceremony. The royal decorations showered on the First Family and its hangers-on was par for the course, diplomatically speaking; but the gold medal conferred by the University of Alcala was another matter.

The University of Alcala is unique in that it committed to providing 30 grants a year, to Filipinos pursuing higher education, a process administered through Sen. Edgardo J. Angara's office. This is why of all the Spanish universities, it went out of its way to pay tribute to the President—it had previously gone out of its way to open its doors to Filipinos.

An ignoramus of a Filipino official grandiosely compared the university medal with the congressional gold medal of the US Congress, which is like comparing a college debating trophy with the Medal of Valor. But to be fair to the university, it merely parroted the official line of the Spanish administration, which is, to praise the President to high heavens for abolishing the death penalty in our country. That makes the Spanish government no different from the papacy, and indeed, is a genuine achievement of the President. The problem is, praise for her anti-death penalty position has been conflated with a blanket endorsement of her human rights record in general.

The King of Spain, being a constitutional monarch, in general does not express any opinion in state functions that was not previously vetted and approved by the government of the day. Recently, an INQUIRER editorial tartly suggested the king be sent a copy of the Alston report; but the ones who really ought to read it are the Spanish ambassador, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, and Prime Minister Zapatero. They are the ones who put words in the monarch's mouth.

I happened to meet a Spaniard over the weekend who expressed dismay over his government's fulsome praise for the President. The Spaniard thought that his government had thrown decency out the window in pursuit of specific cultural objectives.

It would seem odd that the obsession of Spain's government is to lobby the Philippine government to restore Spanish as a requirement in college, or that our government would be so clever as to demand an orgy of praise from Spanish officials as a quid pro quo.

Rizal, in his essay "Sobre la Indolencia de los Filipinos," pointed out that "The word indolence has been greatly misused in the sense of little love for work and lack of energy, while ridicule has concealed the misuse." The President deserves praise for one thing, which on the other hand should not mitigate her shortcomings in another.

But to return to the observation of the Spaniard I met, the problem here seems to be a Spain that cannot make up its mind, if the basis of warm ties between Spaniards and Filipinos is to be a colonial era both countries are glad to have put behind them, or ties of a shared commitment to modernity, democracy and secularism.

The old Spain and the old Philippines were unhealthy, as Leon Ma. Guerrero, in his collection of essays titled "We Filipinos," and who represented the full flowering of Hispanic culture on our shores, observed. He wrote of the "glory and the shame" of our inheritance from Spain, and pointed to the Duke of Mura and his "Grandeza y Decadencia de España," where the duke observed that Spain's greatest weakness, which Guerrero says we seem to have inherited, is "the atrophy of the civic spirit, the lack of civic responsibility, the habit of submission to absolute and irresponsible power." That mixed inheritance, too, includes "a primitive instinctive piety that sustains us in misfortune; a sense of personal dignity, the amor propio that drives us to do things which are sometimes comic and sometimes tragic; an avid and restless amorousness which contrives to combine the idolatry of woman with a selfish and boastful carnality; an understanding of death, death as the final sanction of life..."

Guerrero wrote of that inheritance that it could be found not in "masonry or literature" but rather in the "heart, the secret heart, of the nation," that is, "in a servant's sense of honor, in the dance hall girl going on her knees in the crowded aisle to kiss the feet of the Nazarene and pray for better trade, in the venal politician dreaming of a seat in the Senate as Sancho Panza dreamed of the governorship of Barataria, and in the honest public servant who, like Don Quixote, sees a princess in every maid."

It is an indolent Spanish government, and a deceitful Filipino, that prefers the hazy security of nostalgia to the exciting prospects of a modern, democratic and discerning partnership.

Senior citizens must raise their voices

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

A GATHERING OF EAGLES. THIS MORNING THE PHILIPpine Air Force Flying School Class of 1957 will mark the golden anniversary of their entry into the flying brotherhood. Last May, we had official celebrations held at Fernando Air Base, Lipa City to underscore the event. Today the class gets together to commemorate their actual graduation 50 years ago.

The special guests will be our flight instructors and we have managed to gather together quite a number of them who are still around, although not necessarily in the flying business. Just to mention a few, we have Fernando Ayubo, Emilio Barroga, Jose Bautista, Elias Dioquino, Nicanor De Dios, Alberto Palomo, Cesar Padilla, Bernard Mah, Adriano Morales and Amado Soliman.

Singling them out as our personal guests is our way of paying tribute to the men who played a critical role in our aviation career. The job of flight instructor is never an easy task. It is so unlike any teaching job in the world. The flight instructor virtually puts his life in the hands of his student in the sense that for every maneuver being taught, he must let go of the controls if the student is to learn.

We have also invited to the gathering former classmates who didn't quite make it in flying but went on to successful careers in other fields of endeavor.

The Secretary of National Defense, Gilberto Teodoro Jr., himself an avid licensed commercial pilot and a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College of the Philippine Air Force and the Joint Command and Staff College of the AFP, will be our guest of honor.

* * *

Last July, I reported that the Supreme Court in a 15-page decision penned by Associate Justice Adolf Azcuna had upheld the constitutionality of Republic Act 9257, or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003. This law, authored by Rep. Eduardo Zialcita of Parañaque City and then-Sen. Noli De Castro, removed the P60,000 income threshold from the original Senior Citizens Act authored by Sen. Edgardo Angara. It allowed senior citizens aged 60 and above to enjoy the benefits of the new law, regardless of income status. Age was all that mattered.

Since then, senior citizens have raised their voices on a number of concerns which impinged on the correct implementation of the law. Because of this, the use of credit cards for medicine purchases with the full enjoyment of the 20-percent discount for senior citizens has steadily gained acceptance although from time to time, there are still complaints that some medical outlets refuse to honor the discount when credit cards are used. We must continue to press our lawful rights on these establishments.

The same holds true for restaurant facilities. Some of them refuse to extend the full 20-percent discount on meals paid by credit cards. At times, they offer a 10- or 15-percent discount as though they were doing us some favor. Others declare that promo rates are being offered which take into account the 20-percent discount for seniors. This is not a valid argument, since everyone else enjoys those promo rates and therefore there is practically no provision for the senior citizen discount.

We must correct these misleading arguments and insist on the strict interpretation of the law.

The senior citizens law also provides for a 20-percent discount on diagnostic and laboratory tests. While some medical centers have already started to indicate the full price for their tests which therefore allow senior citizens to check on their discounts, some are still charging everyone on the same basis because of the lack of an established mark-up for the different tests. What is even worse, some centers declare that a number of these tests are not covered by the senior citizens law, and since the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has not come up with a comprehensive list of such tests not covered by the law—although I believe there are no exemptions from the law—we are completely left to the judgment and mercy of the medical centers.

We need to raise our voices and require the DSWD which is the lead agency in the implementation of the senior citizens law to come up with a more dynamic and vigorous implementation of the provisions of the law covering diagnostic and laboratory tests. Again let me say that some establishments have already started giving senior citizens their lawful benefits in a professional and businesslike manner but there are many who remain indifferent to our protestations and we need action more than words of support from government agencies concerned. Let me add that these government agencies meet on a quarterly basis. Perhaps, they could get together more often to look into these matters.

Let me bring to the attention of my fellow senior citizens another matter regarding mutual needs and interests.

As the New Year approaches, we must focus attention on an issue which has seriously eroded our benefits and privileges.

While the existing law granted us a 20-percent discount for medicines and food items in restaurants, the 12-percent expanded value-added tax (E-VAT) wiped out more than half of our entitlement. When the E-VAT was passed, it did not take into account the resulting reduction in an express provision of the law.

During the last election campaign, many candidates aspiring for national office made a lot of promises in exchange for our votes. These included support for senior citizen exemption from the E-VAT or new legislation increasing our 20-percent discount to 32 percent. Either way, what was originally granted by the senior citizens law would, in effect, be restored.

Let us now raise our voices once again and hold these officials to their promises, reminding them of their commitments and indicating how their actions would greatly influence our votes in the next elections. If senior citizens come together as a voting group, a bloc of some 6 million registered voters, we could easily influence our legislators and executive officials to pay more attention to senior citizen needs and concerns. Their awareness of the voting power involved would be the most effective way of getting them to move faster on senior citizen issues.

Finally, as I have mentioned a number of times, the life span of the Filipino, male and female, has lengthened over the years. Barring accidental death, it is very likely that all of us will eventually reach senior citizen status. Now is the time to make sure that the senior citizens law is fully and faithfully implemented.

The INQUIRER is a member of the
PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE
The National Association of Philippine Newspapers

San Miguel's plan for Sumilao

RE FR. JOAQUIN BERNAS' COLumn on the Sumilao farmers: We are not in the position to comment for Norberto Quisumbing. However, we would like to set straight the record as it pertains to our ownership of the land from 2002 onward and the ongoing development of the estate.

We'd like to make it clear that it was San Miguel that was invited to invest in Sumilao by the local government, specifically by Mayor Mary Ann Baula. We responded to her call in the best way we knew how.

The primary source of income in Sumilao is corn-growing. Like other commodity producers, the farmers bear the brunt of fluctuating seasonal prices which can range anywhere from P3 to P10. We wanted to help them secure better and stable prices for their produce by providing them post-harvest facilities, a recommendation that Baula and many of the local farmers we spoke to embraced early on.

We could have stopped there, but we didn't. As we would be setting up post-harvest facilities for the Sumilao farmers anyway, we decided to expand the project to provide the farmers corn silos as well. It was from there that we committed to building a multibillion-peso state-of-the-art, vertically integrated agro-industrial estate for Sumilao—one that would be equipped with modern feed mills, poultry and piggery farms, its own wastewater treatment facilities, a reservoir and provisions for forest development.

Again we consulted the local government, presenting our development plans. We convened a consultation with the farmers themselves, along with the residents and local officials of San Vicente, Sumilao. In fact, several of the farmers who have joined the protest march were in that consultation and assented to these plans. Mapalad leaders Paterno L. Tuminhay and Renato C. Penas were among the barangay *kagawad* who approved the barangay resolution endorsing the project.

Having secured their approval, we immediately set out to construct the facilities. To date, we have constructed 21 of 40 buildings that will make up the agro-industrial estate.

All told, our total investment in Sumilao will amount to an estimated P2.4 billion, far, far greater than any projected future value for the land itself. It's an investment that will have near-term benefits for the farmers themselves.

Our plan will provide the residents of Sumilao a sustainable source of employment and income and we're confident that all our initiatives will have an even greater catalyzing effect on the lives of people in this area.

We take very seriously our role as contributors to countryside development and we are committed to the principle of creating value not only for the company but for society at large. We need not have bought the land in Sumilao, but we chose to do so because we saw a clear opportunity to be of help. We'd like it known that we bought the land in good faith with the very best of intentions for the good people of Sumilao.

—RAMON S. ANG,
president, San Miguel Corp.

LETTERS

FVR insulted us

SORRY, BUT WE DO NOT CONcede to Mr. Fidel Ramos' opinion that we should cling to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo until 2010 just because the country has "no better options."

The Filipino people have all the reasons to hope for and to look ahead to more optimistic and principled scenarios in the Philippines with GMA out before 2010.

It is an insult to the Filipino people that a former leader, who has in a way contributed to the "moral bankruptcy" that our nation is now enduring in pain, would now urge them to stay in a "state of denial" about the moral bankruptcy and moral decadence of the present government which pushes most, if not all, of our sisters and brothers in grinding poverty to the margins of desperation and "suicidal behavior."

—SR. MAUREEN CATABIAN, RGS,
Sisters of the Good Shepherd-Philippines,
1043 Aurora Blvd., 1108 QC

Lawyer was not entrapped or jailed

I WAS NEVER ARRESTED OR taken into custody. Neither was I entrapped by the National Bureau of Investigation or by any police agency last Nov. 26 or at any time at Market! Market! or anywhere else in connection with a complaint by a businesswoman for extortion or with any case for that matter. And I was never detained at the NBI or any detention cell or jail in connection with any case.

The false and malicious report titled "Father, son face extortion, graft raps" (INQUIRER, 11/28/07) caused undue and unnecessary humiliation and dishonor to me and my family, for which the reporter Tina G. Santos and her cohorts should be held responsible.

—ROBERTO B. AWID

The details of the article, including the information that lawyer Robert Awid was arrested in an entrapment operation at the Market! Market! mall in Taguig City on Nov. 26, was based on an interview with an NBI official. The NBI clarified, only later, that Awid was not arrested but was recommended for prosecution for his alleged involvement in an extortion activity.

—TINA G. SANTOS,
reporter, Inquirer

Arroyo's command responsibility

WE WERE NOT SURPRISED BY UN Special Envoy Philip Alston's final report. We knew all along that the Armed Forces was responsible for the extrajudicial killings.

Alston just confirmed what we have known for a long time: that the Arroyo administration has transformed the AFP into its "private army" to neutralize "enemies of the State." The blood of all those who died and who are still missing stains the hands of Ms Arroyo as commander in chief.

It is imperative that Ms Arroyo be held accountable under the principle of command responsibility and be made to face the bar of justice for all the unsolved political killings in the country, which were committed during her presidency.

—ROEL GARCIA,
spokesperson, Maypagasa,

Cook right,
Cook nice,
Cook rice.
kyowa
RICE COOKER W/ STEAMER

Maligaya ang Pasko kung
CDO Holiday Whole-Meat Ham
ang regalo!
Dahil ang Nagmamahalan, Nagbibigayan!
cdo Holiday Whole-Meat Ham

Give your loved ones the best gift this Christmas – CDO Holiday Whole-Meat Ham. This special ham is made from carefully selected whole-piece boneless meat – slowly cured, fully smoked and simmered in a special mixture. It is coated with pineapple jelly to bring out its luscious flavor. Each piece of CDO Holiday Whole-Meat Ham goes through the complete and traditional way of processing hams - no shortcuts. Because your loved ones deserve only the best ham.

Call 294-1111 locals 212 to 219.
Fax: 294-0682.

Voted Outstanding Christmas Ham of 2006-2007 by the Consumers Union of the Philippines

cdo
FOODSPHERE, INC.
Food That Nourishes Life.
560 West Service Road, Paso de Blas, Valenzuela City 1441
Email: cdo@cdo.com.ph www.cdo.com.ph

First amparo beneficiary cries torture; soldiers deny allegation

By Nancy Carvajal *in Manila,*
Nico Alconaba
and Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

THE FIRST BENEFICIARY OF the writ of amparo has accused soldiers of torturing him while he was blindfolded to force him to name politicians who had supposedly contributed to the communist rebel fund.

Unless he did so, his family would be in danger, Rowil Monasque, 33-year-old leader of the Bayan Muna-Pagadian City chapter, told a forum in Quezon City the other day.

Monasque said that when he was brought to a court in Pagadian City last month, he was prepared to tell lies—as the military wanted him to—but with the help of his lawyer, he was able to tell the court what really happened.

His disclosure led to his eventual release from two weeks of military custody.

"I did not know that there was a writ of amparo," he said at the forum organized by the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers.

What torture?

Lt. Col. George Avila, civil military operations officer of the First Tabak Division, denied Monasque's claims.

"What torture is he talking about? We even brought him to the hospital," Avila said.

"What I know is that he volunteered for custody because he was wounded. You can even ask the local ABS-CBN reporter who took footage of him saying that he volunteered for military custody," Avila said in a phone interview.

Sudden turnaround

Avila said Monasque suffered a bullet wound in the right leg during an encounter two weeks before his surrender.

He said Monasque's "sudden turnaround" happened in court and only after "leftist groups pressured him by bringing his relatives in court."

Avila said the military would file criminal charges against him for his involvement in armed encounters.

Speaking for the first time since his release on Nov. 7, Monasque recounted at the forum how he was forced to admit that he was a member of the New People's Army and that he was not taken by the military against his will.

Arrested at checkpoint

He said that on the night of Oct. 24, he was arrested by soldiers at a checkpoint and brought to an army camp in Pagadian.

"The whole night of Oct. 24 and 25, I was blindfolded and made to hear scary anecdotes of what happened to those arrested before me who refused to cooperate with them," he said.

He said his captors demanded he tell them who the other NPA members were and the identities of the politicians funding their cause as the barangay elections were about to take place.

Speaking in Visayan, Monasque described how his captors allegedly hit him in the head and other parts of his body with the butt of a gun for his refusal to talk.

'Pure drama'

He claimed junior officers threatened his family if he did not cooperate.

In Zamboanga City, Western Mindanao Command chief Maj. Gen. Nelson Allaga dismissed Monasque's allegations as "pure drama." He said not a single unit under his command committed atrocious acts.

Allaga said Monasque was not what he claimed to be—an innocent civilian, a peasant organizer or a church leader, "but a criminal, an outlaw who engaged the Army soldiers in an encounter."

He said the military set up checkpoints after receiving reports that Monasque was wounded in the encounter.

"When this guy reached a checkpoint, our troops arrested him and since he was wounded, we immediately brought him to the hospital," Allaga said.

SC issues amparo writ for Briton, wife

From page A1

ployee, or a private individual or entity.

Need for accountability

The writ demands action and accountability from authorities.

Among the relief that petitioners could seek is a protection order to stop parties from harassing or harming the petitioners.

The Kitt couple also lodged a sanitation-related complaint against Santos for the supposedly "foul mess" coming from his house.

Aside from Solidum and Santos, named respondents in the Kitts' petition for the writ of amparo were Assistant Provincial Prosecutor Jose de Leon Jr.; employees of Barangay San Vicente in San Pedro, Laguna; a chief of police "Dizon" at the San Pedro municipal police station; the National Police Commission in San Pedro, and Santos' family.

Home is a castle

The couple said the actions against them had caused them to fear a "continuing and very real threat to their life, liberty and security."

They also said they suffered harassment, vexation and mischief which deprived them of a peaceful home life.

"Petitioners' home is their castle. They are not even safe therein. They will not cower before the bully boys despite the hatred, violence and intimidation," the couple said in their petition.

Handcuffed to gate

"They will not withdraw their legal actions and will await and accept the decisions of the courts. They will not be forced out of their home but they need the protection from these cowards that the law now is able to provide."

Stephen said he was "unlawfully" arrested in front of his home in Conpil Village III in San Pedro on Nov. 23, 2007 by men claiming to be barangay tanods.

He said he was handcuffed to the gate while Santos' employees took pictures of him.

Stephen was then taken to the municipal police station, but the petitioners claimed he was never interrogated or allowed to submit a counter-affidavit. He was not advised either, of his legal rights and no charges was brought against him at that point, according to the petition.

The couple said Stephen was detained without knowing the details of the allegations against him. They said he was also without a lawyer and was not told of his rights in a language he understood.

Consul comes to help

Later, Stephen's case was assigned to De Leon. The couple said De Leon was told that a British Embassy consul was on her way from Manila, but the prosecutor purportedly began the proceedings without waiting for her and without informing Stephen of his rights.

The consul subsequently arrived and told the prosecutor that Stephen had a right to an independent counsel, who was on her way from Cavite. The proceedings were then suspended but after the consul left, De Leon supposedly declared the investigation over and signed a confinement order.

The couple said Stephen's custodians did not want to wait for his wife Mylene, who had gone to withdraw money for his bail. They said Stephen was transported in a police van with barangay employees, including one "hell-bent on inflicting further pain."

When Stephen's lawyer arrived, bail was granted and he was released.

"Go only for the most trusted name in world-class fireworks"
DRAGON FIREWORKS
FREE DELIVERY
WELCOME DEALERS
FOR INQUIRIES, CALL:
Tel. No.: 421-6135 / 911-2981
Telefax: 421-7684 • Mobile No.: 0917-8801081
Website: www.dragonfireworks.com
E-mail: dragonfireworks_888@yahoo.com.ph
MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

DIGITAL PLATFORM SCALE
DIAL PLATFORM SCALE
MECHANICAL SCALE
LOAD BEAM SCALE
Load Capacity 500kg to 5Ton
COIN COUNTING SCALE
Ideal for Banks, Hardware, Grocery & Arcade Center
TABLE TOP DIAL SCALE
BARCODE DIGITAL SCALE with RS232
ELECTRONIC LIFT SCALE
NEW
Also available:
- Animal Scale
- Table Top Scale
- Price computing Scale
- Health Scale
- Jewelry Scale, etc.
- Kitchen/Bakery Scale,
- Waterproof Scale, etc.

AVAILABLE CAPACITIES
300g • 600g • 30kg • 100kg • 150kg • 300kg • 500kg • 1 Ton etc.

TIGERKING TRADING CO.
PISCOR Compound, Amang Rodriguez Avenue, Pasig City
634-4911 / 396-2410 0917-8527232

hot Christmas deals
Brica F129
- 5.0 Megapixels
- 8x Digital Zoom
- 2.4" LCD Display
- Video with Audio
- Pictbridge compatible

special price P4,795
PLUS: Free 512 SD Card
BRICA wrist watch*
25pcs. 4R Prints
Camera Case

special price P6,495
Brica E60fd
- 6.0 Megapixels
- 3x Optical Zoom / 4x Digital Zoom
- 2.5" LCD Display
- Face Tracker and Digital Stabilizer
- Pictbridge compatible

PLUS: Free 512 SD Card
BRICA wrist watch*
25pcs. 4R Prints
Camera Case

Brica DV120z
- Digital Camera and Digital Video
- 6.0 Megapixels
- 3x Optical Zoom
- 2.4" LCD Display
- Image Stabilizer
- Pictbridge compatible

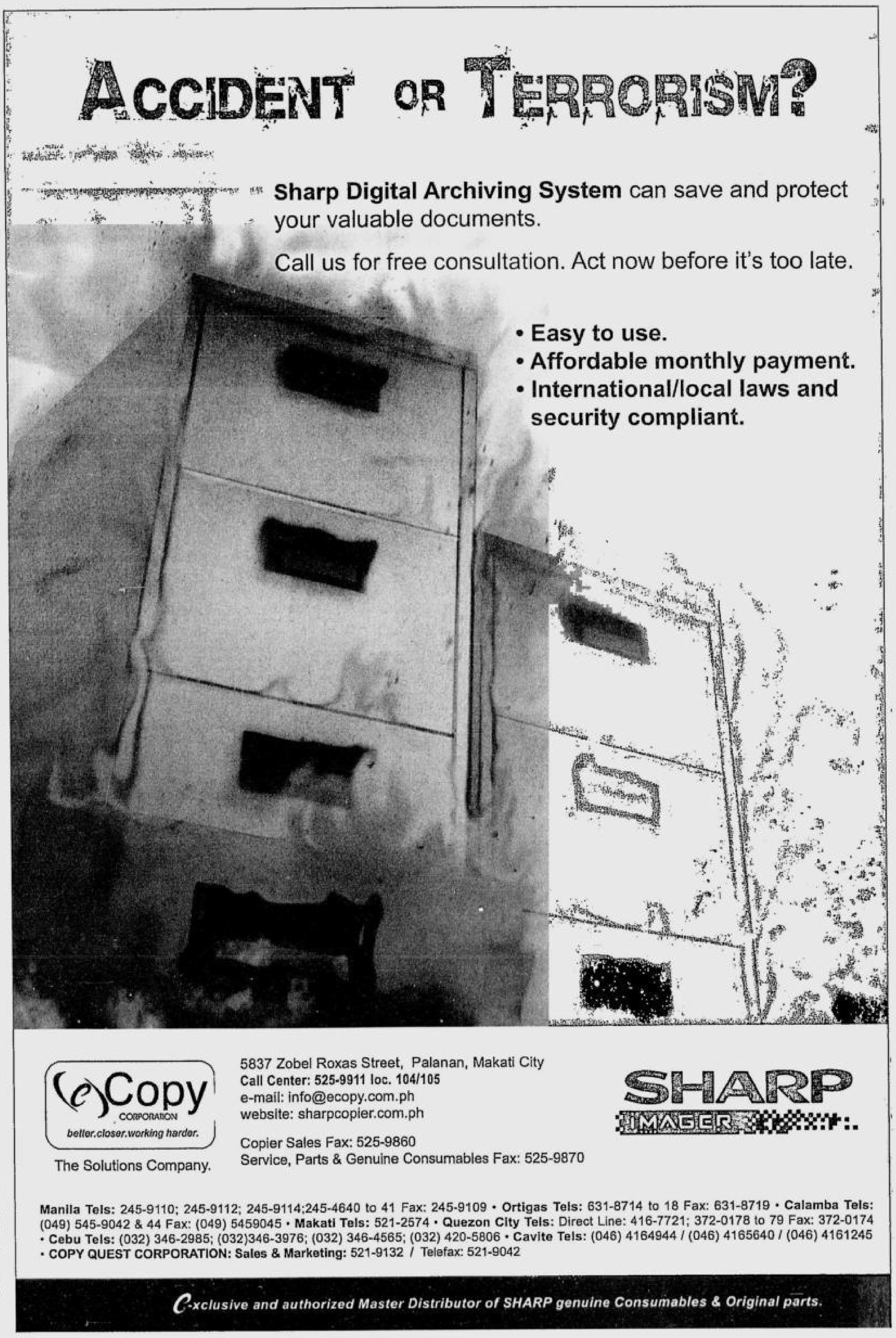
special price P9,495
PLUS:
Free 1GB SD Card
25pcs. 4R Prints
Camera Case
Unforgettable Memo Album
(Album SRP 249.00)

*Free Brica wrist watch is valid up to Dec 31, 2007
Per DTI-NCR Permit # 3764 Series of 2007
**Special prices and packages are available only at Picture City Branches

Picture City DIGITAL

NIDEKA® BUNDY CLOCK
Made in JAPAN
- 2 Color Printing
- Built-in Back up Battery
- Uses Standard Time Cards
- 1 Year Warranty on Parts and Service

INFINITE SYSTEMS 892-9073 to 77
DEALERS:
ZAMBOANGA (062) • 991-1065 • 991-1003 • 992-4362 • 991-1975 • 992-3184 • 991-5850 • DAVAO (082) • 226-3327 • 222-2000 • 222-6550 • 224-1794 • GENSAN (083) • 228-4062 • 552-6557 • 552-5500 • CAGAYAN DE ORO (088) • 856-4281 • 857-7730 • 231-4567 • 231-5699 • DUMAGUETE (035) • 226-2600 • 225-4521 • 225-6028 • PAMPANGA (045) • 892-6549 • 887-2694 • 894-0100 • PALAWAN (048) • 434-8902 • 434-3773 • BACOLOD (034) • 432-0434 • DAGUPAN (075) • 515-2204 • 515-4776 • 522-1240 • BAGUIO (074) • 446-6567 • 442-5854 •



Sharp Digital Archiving System can save and protect your valuable documents.

Call us for free consultation. Act now before it's too late.

- Easy to use.
- Affordable monthly payment.
- International/local laws and security compliant.

eCopy CORPORATION
better.closer.working harder.
The Solutions Company.

5837 Zobel Roxas Street, Palanan, Makati City
Call Center: 525-9911 loc. 104/105
e-mail: info@ecopy.com.ph
website: sharpcopier.com.ph

Copier Sales Fax: 525-9860
Service, Parts & Genuine Consumables Fax: 525-9870

SHARP IMAGER

Manila Tels: 245-9110; 245-9112; 245-9114;245-4640 to 41 Fax: 245-9109 • **Ortigas Tels:** 631-8714 to 18 Fax: 631-8719 • **Calamba Tels:** (049) 545-9042 & 44 Fax: (049) 5459045 • **Makati Tels:** 521-2574 • **Quezon City Tels:** Direct Line: 416-7721; 372-0178 to 79 Fax: 372-0174 • **Cebu Tels:** (032) 346-2985; (032)346-3976; (032) 346-4565; (032) 420-5806 • **Cavite Tels:** (046) 4164944 / (046) 4165640 / (046) 4161245 • **COPY QUEST CORPORATION: Sales & Marketing:** 521-9132 / Telefax: 521-9042

eXclusive and authorized Master Distributor of SHARP genuine Consumables & Original parts.

JUST LIKE HOME. Filipino athletes ride a Thai "tuk-tuk" transport similar to the tricycle back home to take them to another venue of the Southeast Asian Games in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. RAFFY LERMA

Just 2 golds this time, but 7 RP boxers in finals

From page A1

Jose Rodriguez Saturday in Pattaya.

Amit, the pool queen in Manila two years ago, rallied from 2-5 down to keep her 9-ball singles crown with a 7-5 squeaker over Indonesian Angelina Magdalena Ticoalu at the Grand Ballroom of the Sima Thani hotel here.

The Harbour Centre-RP team roared to its second straight win, overwhelming Indonesia, 75-49, in what looked like an unstoppable march to its old place of prominence in basketball.

But the Filipinos, who have given up their overall championship to host Thailand even before this 11-nation sportsfest got off the ground, seem destined to miss a basketball double as their female counterparts bowed to host Thailand, 70-54.

Going into the final week of the biennial competition, the Filipinos remained fourth with just 16 golds, way off the pace of their victory rampage in 2005 that resulted in a total golden haul of 113.

Sustaining their drive from Day 1, the Thais now seemed beyond reach, with Vietnam falling farther behind in second.

As of 7 p.m. here, Thailand had 65 golds and 39 more victories than Vietnam. Singapore kept third with 20 golds. *(See related story on Page A30.)*

Following the instructions of his Lithuanian coach Rolandas Kazlauskas to the letter, Tolentino allowed his rivals to pull away early before stepping up his pace at the 750-mark of the 2,000-meter race.

He overhauled eventual runner-up Piyadanai Pantangthai with 200 meters left and won by seven seconds with a time of 7:19.71.

Swimmer Miguel Molina, the only other Filipino with two golds so far, settled for a silver in the men's 4x100 freestyle relay (3:27.70) with James Walsh, Kendrick Uy and Daniel Coakley.

Walsh also picked up a silver in the 100 butterfly (55.47) while Ryan Arabejo, the 200 backstroke winner, was third in the 400 free (3:59.81).

Molina will go for a third gold in the 200 breaststroke.

Tolentino's performance somehow eased the pain of the unexpected defeat of Eduardo Buenavista and Roy Vence in the men's marathon, and the failure to finish by defending women's champion Christabel Martes.

Buenavista salvaged third place, which was matched by Jho Ann Banayag, who lowered her RP women's record to 2:44:41.

Vence, the champion in Malaysia in 2001 when the country's marathon win streak started, placed sixth.

It was back to oblivion for Asian Games hero Rene Catalan as he bowed out in the semifinals of wushu's sanshou 52kg division, a victim of Thai Chantra Khwanyoen.

Catalan was resurrected from the loser's bracket after an appeal by wushu president Julian Camacho reversed a decision by the chief judge to break a first-round tie in favor of the Filipino's Vietnamese foe.

But Benjie Rivera (men's sanshou 56kg) and Mariane Mariano (women's sanshou 60kg) reached the finals even as Mary Jane Estmar (women's sanshou 52kg) followed the fate of Catalan.

After contributing two golds Saturday, dance sport settled for three silvers and a bronze with Emmanuel Reyes and Maira Rosete placing second in the Standard Viennese Waltz and Standard Slow Foxtrot.

The other dance silver came from John Melencio and Dearlie Gerodias, who also picked up a bronze in the Latin American Samba.

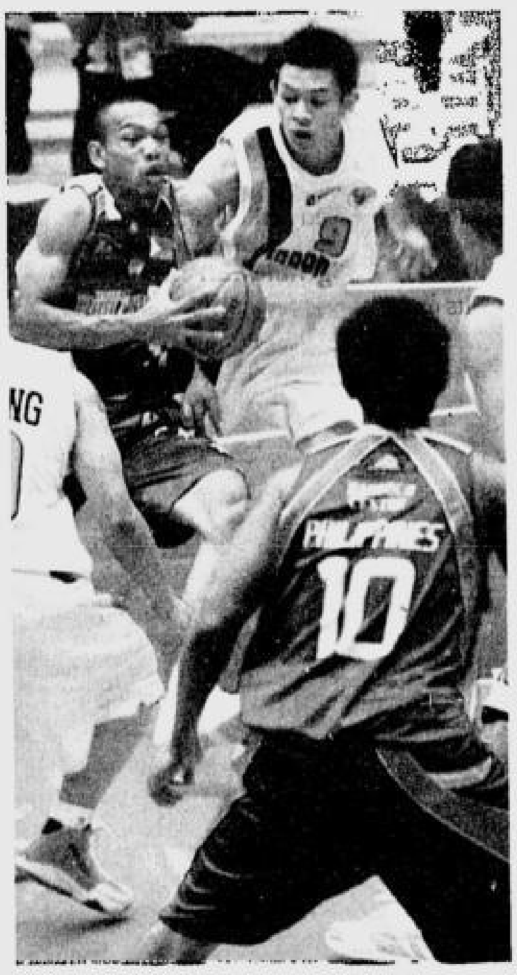
Also coming up with silvers were Lakambini Alto and Nida Cordova in the women's doubles sculls, and triathletes George Vilog (men) and Alessandra Araullo (women).

The other bronze medalists were Arlan Macasieb and Maria Luisa Lucas in triathlon, Jose Rodriguez in men's singles sculls, Margarito Angana in the men's 55kg freestyle wrestling, and wushu's Janice Hung and Daniel Pakantac in the taijiquan.

Marites Bibit also placed third in the women's individual time trial in cycling but former Tour champion Victor Espiritu could only finish fifth in the men's division.

After a medal drought in the singles, the bowlers in Bangkok continued to grope for form with the fourth place finish of Liza del Rosario and Daisy Posadas in women's doubles proving their worthiest.

Biboy Rivera and Chester King were seventh, their best, in the men's doubles.



FILIPINO Jayson Castro drives against the Indonesian defense during the Philippines' basketball match against Indonesia in the 2007 SEA Games held at the Keelapirom Stadium, Suranaree University of Technology in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. RAFFY LERMA

PDI to grant wishes of 22 loyal readers

From page A1

tion, the INQUIRER will grant 22 loyal readers their wishes.

The wish can be exciting, like meeting your local idol, or romantic, like celebrating your 25th anniversary at a beach resort.

You can join by answering three questions in 300 words or less:

- How long have you been reading the INQUIRER?
- What do you like most about the INQUIRER? What do you like the least?
- What wish do you want the INQUIRER to grant you and why?

Send your answers by postal mail (Philippine Daily Inquirer, Mascardo corner Yague Streets, Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City) or by e-mail (number1@inquirer.com.ph).

Entries will be accepted from Dec. 9, 2007 to Jan. 9, 2008, and should contain the following information: Complete name of sender, residential address, landline and mobile phone numbers, and date of birth. Only one entry per sender.

Winners will be announced in the INQUIRER on Jan. 22, 2008. See print ad for more details.

Canon
Delighting You Always

PowerShot
A GREAT SHOT EVERY TIME

0% interest for 12 mos.*

PowerShot A460
- 5.0 Megapixels
- 5.08 cm (2.0") LCD screen
- 4x Optical Zoom
- DIGIC II engine

Php 9,950
Now Php 8,950

PowerShot A550
- 7.1 Megapixels
- 5.08 cm (2.0") LCD screen
- 4x Optical Zoom
- DIGIC II engine

Php 13,500

PowerShot A560
- 7.1 Megapixels
- 6.35 cm (2.5") LCD screen
- 4x Optical Zoom
- DIGIC III engine

Php 16,950

PowerShot A570 IS
- 7.1 Megapixels
- 6.35 cm (2.5") LCD screen
- 4x Optical Zoom
- Optical Image Stabilizer

Php 18,950
Now Php 16,950

NEW!
PowerShot A720 IS
- 8.0 Megapixels
- 6x Optical Zoom
- 6.35 cm (2.5") LCD screen
- Optical Image Stabilizer

[illegible]

NEW!
PowerShot SX100 IS
- 8 Megapixels
- 6.35 cm (2.5") LCD screen
- 10x Optical Zoom
- Optical Image Stabilizer

[illegible]

NEW!
PowerShot A650 IS
- 12.1 Megapixels
- 6x Optical Zoom
- 6.35 cm (2.5") Vari-angle LCD screen
- Optical Image Stabilizer

[illegible]

PowerShot TX1
- 7.1 Megapixels
- 3.81 cm (1.5") vari-angle LCD screen
- 10x Optical Zoom with Optical Image Stabilizer
- DIGIC III engine

Php 26,995

NEW!
PowerShot S5 IS
- 8.0 Megapixels
- 6.35 cm (2.5") Vari-angle LCD screen
- 12x Optical Zoom
- Optical Image Stabilizer

Php 27,950

NEW!
PowerShot G9
- 12.1 Megapixels
- 7.62 cm (3.0") PureColor LCD II Screen
- 6x Optical Zoom
- Optical Image Stabilizer
- RAW Image Recording

[illegible]

DIGITAL IXUS
Where style meets substance

Want exceptional images this Christmas

Digital IXUS 70
- 7.1 Megapixels
- 6.35 cm (2.5") PureColor LCD screen
- 3x Optical Zoom
- Slimmer Body – 19.4 mm

~~Php 19,950~~
Now Php 17,950

Digital IXUS 75
- 7.1 Megapixels
- 7.62 cm (3.0") PureColor LCD screen
- 3x Optical Zoom
- Slimmer Body – 19.6 mm

~~Php 22,500~~
Now Php 19,950

Digital IXUS 950 IS
- 8.0 Megapixels
- 4x Optical Zoom
- 6.35 cm (2.5") Pure Color LCD screen
- Optical Image Stabilizer

Php 26,950

NEW!
Digital IXUS 860 IS
- 8 Megapixels
- 7.62 cm (3.0") PureColor LCD screen
- 3.8x Optical Zoom
- Wide Angle 28-105mm lens

Php 24,950

NEW!
Digital IXUS 960 IS
- 12.1 Megapixels
- 6.35 cm (2.5") PureColor LCD screen
- 3.7x Optical Zoom
- Titanium Body

Php 28,950

Enjoy up to Php 2,300 worth of free items! Premium items vary according to model purchased

Energizer WORLD'S NO.1
Energizer Batteries and charger
Powershot camera case
SD card

Enjoy the Holidays with **FREE ITEMS** worth up to Php 10,000!

FREE ITEMS: camera case, 1GB SD card and 1 pair of Ray-Ban eyewear

METRO MANILA
MANILA:
- Sarabia Optical (SM Mall of Asia)
- The Optical Shop (Robinson's Ermita)
- The Optical Shop (SM Centerpoint)

MAKATI:
- The Optical Shop (G1)
- The Optical Shop (G3)
- Canon Customer Care Centre
  5F Marvin Plaza Building 2153
  Don Chino Roces
  Avenue Makati City
  (02) 884-9000

ORTIGAS:
- Sarabia Optical (SM Megamall)
- The Optical Shop (SM Megamall)

NORTH:
- Sarabia Optical (SM North Edsa)
- The Optical Shop (SM North Edsa)
- The Optical Shop (Trinoma)

MANDALUYONG
- Canon Customer Care Centre
  Liberty Center, Freedom Plaza Retail Row,
  G/F Unit 1 and 2 Shaw Boulevard
  (02) 534 7358

SOUTH
- Perez Optical (ATC)
- George Optical (SM Batangas)
- George Optical (SM Dasmarinas)
- Optical Works (SM Southmall)

PROVINCIAL
PAMPANGA:
- George Optical (SM Pampanga)
- Canon Pampanga Office, Pistahan Bldg.,
  Mc Arthur Highway Dolores,
  City of San Fernando Pampanga
  (045)961-6496

CEBU:
- The Optical Shop (SM Cebu)
- The Optical Shop (Ayala Center)
- Canon Cebu Office Door 10, 1P & 20
  Free Star Arcade, Hernan St.Subangdaku,
  Mandaue City Cebu
  (032)345-3821, 3446776, 345-3680

BACOLOD:
- Anglo Optical (SM Bacolod)

DAVAO:
- Chimes Department Store
- Canon Davao Office, 301 E. Palma Gil Bo.
  Obrero, Davao City
  (082) 227-4820
- Canon DHub
  1st Level South Concourse,
  Limketkai Mall
  Agorra Road Lapasan
  Cagayan De Oro City
  (088)8563313
- Canon LA UNION Office
  G/F M. Peralta Bldg.
  Quezon Ave.,
  Sevilla Norte
  San Fernando City, La Union
  (072)242-4687, 242-0440
- Canon Legaspi Office
  Door 7 & 8 CEA Bldg.
  Ground Flr. Lapu-Lapu st.
  Legaspi City
  (052)820-2083, 480-6331

Redeem your preferred Ray-Ban eyewear at any of the outlets listed below by presenting the following:
1. Original sales invoice
2. Redemption voucher with Ray-Ban hologram
3. Warranty card
4. Cut-portion of digital camera box where the Canon Customer Delight sticker and serial number are located.

Complete requirements are necessary to redeem participating Ray-Ban eyewear.

Ray-Ban eyewear
camera case
1GB SD card
Premium items vary according to model purchased.

SELPHY
COMPACT PHOTO PRINTER

NEW!
SELPHY CP740
- 5.08cm (2") LCD
- Easy to use card slot
- Red eye color correction
- Addition of borderless layouts

[illegible]

NEW!
SELPHY CP750
- Large 6.35cm (2.4") LCD
- Battery operable
- Easy to use card slot
- Accomodates IrSimple high speed infrared communication

Php 9,500

NEW!
SELPHY ES20
- Dye-sublimation technology
- More creative printouts
- Integrated ink and paper
- My Colors Function
- ID photo printing

[illegible]

SELPHY ES1
- Dye-sublimation technology
- Creative printouts (4 sets)
- Integrated ink and paper
- Infrared

[illegible]

Enjoy up to Php 1,000 worth of freebies. Premium items given vary according to the model purchased.

SELPHY Photo Diary and Scrapbook by K[illegible]ON
SELPHY bag

Canon ImageNation HOLIDAY!

Insist on an original warranty issued by Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc.

Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc. 2/F Marvin Plaza, 2153 Don Chino Roces Ave. cor. V.A. Rufino St. Makati City
Tel. 884 9000 Fax 810 9797 • E-mail: info@canon.com.ph or www.canon.com.ph

*Available for credit cards of participating dealers.
Promo runs from October 23, 2007 to January 15, 2008
See catalogue and flyer for details. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3699, Series of 2007

Bohol folk protect seahorse sanctuary

From page A1

shown that they were consistently managing their areas," University of the Philippines' Marine Science Institute Prof. Porfirio Aliño, MSN coordinator, said after the awards rites held at the Celebrity Sports Plaza in Quezon City recently.

He also said: "You need to show that it has been sustained for a long time. It's quite a challenge if you think that it has been sustained for 20 years."

According to Environment Secretary Lito Atienza, the establishment of the MPAs has not been a priority because these were seen as constraints on the fisherfolk's goal of maximizing fish yields.

"The finalists were able to shift this negative perception through practical and appropriate strategies," he said in a speech read on his behalf by Dr. Mundita Lim, director of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau.

Illegal fishing, logging

The MSN sees the MPAs, like the Handumon marine sanctuary, as crucial to protecting the country's dwindling marine resources.

After decades of illegal fishing, only 5 percent of the country's coral reefs are in excellent condition. On the other hand, only 30 percent of the original 450,000-hectare mangrove forests remain due to logging.

For the past 30 years, over 500 MPAs have been established in the country's municipal waters, but success in managing them had been "uneven," according to the network.

Most MPAs have been hobbled by weak governance, weak law enforcement and prosecution systems, lack of funds, insufficient logistical support, conflicting interests and lack of coordination.

But still, there are some that stand out for their sustainability and good practices.

The 50-hectare Handumon marine sanctuary is part of a large barrier reef in the waters of Bohol, teeming with fish, seashells and thick mangroves, according to the MSN.

It was delineated and established in 1995, an act made official by a municipal ordinance passed three years later.

Role of Kanagmaluhan

Its establishment came naturally for mostly seaweed farmers and fishers who, years earlier, set up their Kapunungan sa Nagkahiusang Mananagat ug Lumulupyo sa Handumon (Kanagmaluhan) to protect the area from poachers and illegal fishers and reverse the dwindling trend in the fish population.

The Haribon Foundation also set up a Project Seahorse Foundation in Handumon to protect its population of seahorses.

"At first, there was resistance," said Elvira Buhol, president of Kanagmaluhan and village secretary of Handumon, who traveled by ship and plane from Bohol to receive the trophy and the P100,000 cash prize.

"Little by little, we managed to convince them by telling them that eventually fish will come back, and we wouldn't need to fish in the neighboring town's waters."

Posters on sanctuary rules were produced and fish wardens were trained on environmental protection.

Haribon trained the staff to make handicraft and eventually organize seahorse watching tours for locals and foreigners to finance the management of the marine sanctuary.

At least 2 percent of the earnings from Kanagmaluhan"s handicraft industry, supplemented by barangay and municipal funds, went to the maintenance of the sanctuary, according to the MSN.

Over the years, the fisherfolk and the barangay officials strongly enforced fishery laws and regularly undertook mangrove planting and coastal cleanups. They eventually turned the sanctuary into a marine research station.

Tide turns

The result: Increased fish catch.

"After five years, the fish started coming back and there was no need to fish in other fishing grounds," Buhol said.

The Sagay marine reserve in Sagay City, Negros Oriental, home to 60 genera of hard and soft corals, 107 fish species and giant clams, placed second.

The Twin Rocks fish sanctuary in Mabini, Batangas, which teems with a variety of reef fish and shellfish, placed third.

The MSN is composed of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, PAWB, Bureau of Local Governance Development, and the Philippine Council for Aquatic and Marine Resources and Development.

Other members include Conservation International, UP-MSI, Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation, WWF, Haribon, Pamana Ka Sa Pilipinas, Silliman University's Angelo King Center for Research and Environmental Management, Community-based Coastal Resource Management-Resource Center, Mindanao State University, Xavier University, Tanggol Kalikasan, Resources Environment and Economics Center for Studies Inc.

"All these show that if people are united and have a common vision and they see themselves as stewards of the areas, they can sustain these sanctuaries," Aliño said.

Top boy scout searches Net for Japanese father

From page A1

mother took him back to the Philippines, leaving his father in Nagoya, Japan. The boy has not heard from him since.

"I just want him to know he has a son. And it's not that I'm bragging, but I think he would be proud of me," he said.

Toyoshima is every parent's pride and joy. Just this month, he was chosen one of the 10 Most Outstanding Boy Scouts of the Philippines, the second Dagupeño to receive the award since 1980.

His feat earned him a two-year college scholarship in a government-run university in the Philippines.

Toyoshima is president of the student council of the Dagupan City National High School and news editor of the school paper, Dagupeña Sparks. He is also a consistent honor student.

"I was thinking: What if he was here supporting everything that I do? Maybe, I'd be happier," Toyoshima said.

Although it was not clear to him why his parents separated, he said it wasn't necessary for him to know.

Based on his mother's stories, Toyoshima said his parents met in Japan where his mother worked for a few months.

"I was told that he courted my mother in Dagupan and she was eventually brought to Japan where I was born," he said.

When he was growing up, Toyoshima said he wondered why his name sounded different from the other kids.'

"I thought it was pretty odd since my name was not common. It was then that I was told about my father," he said.

Search begins

Toyoshima started searching for his father on the Internet when he was 10. He was then in Grade 3 at a private school here.

"We were already using computers in school and every opportunity I had, I searched for my father on the World Wide Web," he said.

He said he had used most of the popular search engines and had visited "countless" sites, including People Search, and social networking sites like Friendster and even MySpace.

Surfing till dawn

Sometimes, he would surf the Net until dawn just looking for his father. "But I still haven't found him," Toyoshima said.

He said his grandmother and guardian, Epifania Tello, would often scold him when he arrived home late. His mother, Ma. Cristina Tello, works in an engineering firm in Metro Manila.

He said his mother had asked the Japanese Embassy in Metro Manila to look for his father, but they were told that the staff could not find him.

Mayor's help

"I am still hoping my search would bring me any information about my father," Toyoshima said.

An opportunity presented itself when he was chosen an outstanding scout.

On Tuesday, just before he received a plaque of commendation for "bringing honor" to this city, Mayor Alipio Fernandez Jr., a former commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration, offered to help Toyoshima.

Fernandez contacted officials in his former office and asked that Toyoshima be included in the Japanese government's program of reuniting families with Japanese parents.

Being an outstanding scout also increased Toyoshima's chances to be sent as one of the country's representatives to an international scouting conference in Tokyo next year.

"I look forward to being there," he said.

Toyoshima said he would not know how to react if his father's name would pop up on his computer screen or if his father would appear at their doorstep.

"In any case, I'm ready because our motto in scouting is 'Be Prepared,'" he said.

GE Merlin™

Point-of-Use Drinking Water System

Purify 700+ gallons per day instead of 50 with GE Merlin™ Reverse Osmosis water treatment system.

The clear advantage?
700+ gallons of pure water a day

GE Infrastructure Water & Process Technologies introduces Merlin™, a new Reverse Osmosis water treatment system that does more than your regular water purifier. With 2 patented high-production, low-energy membranes instead of 1, it reduces water impurities in up to 744 gallons – that's up to 2,816 liters* of water per day, instead of only 10 to 50 gallons!

It also has a continuous-flow water production that doesn't require a storage tank. No storage tank**, no water pump needed. No water pump,*** no electricity. Furthermore, it's made of high durability Noryl® providing years of dependable and rust-free service. Best of all, it's from GE. A brand known world-wide for quality appliances.

At home, or for commercial operations (restaurants, hotels, offices and the like), Merlin provides quality water filtration.

The new GE Merlin™ RO. Get the clear advantage.

*At 50 psi (3.44 bar), 77°F (25°C), 750 ppm NaCl
** At a permeate flow rate of1.89L/minute
*** At 40 psi (2.76 bar)

Water Quality Association Gold Seal - NSF/ANSI 58 Certified

FITS IN NICELY
Stand-alone compact profile takes up less space than other bulky systems.

AT YOUR SERVICE
Custom high-flow faucet (with air gap) developed specifically for this system.

GE imagination at work

For a free corporate demo, contact CYA Industries, Inc. at 643-3456 loc 402/403 or 0922-8543039. Free installation and lifetime free service Nationwide

Available at leading Appliance & Home Improvement Stores. Also at the following GE showrooms: Level 4, Shangri-la, EDSA, Mandaluyong City Tel Nos: 631-8282/633-2906; 2/L Serendra, Bonifacio High St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City Tel No. 856-2518; MC HOME DEPOT FORT BONIFACIO 32nd St. cor., Bonifacio Blvd., Global City Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila Tel. No. 815-8875. Call our service hotline (02) 643-3456 or visit our websites at www.cyaindustries.com; geappliances-philippines.com for more information

A20 PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007

NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074)443-9255
Fax No. (074)443-8971
E-mail: inq_baguio@inquirer.com.ph

SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU
2nd Floor, Los Baños Bldg
Cor. Peñaranda and Aguinaldo Sts.
Legazpi City
Telefax No. (052) 480-4182
E-mail: inq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

E-mail: pr_provincial_news@inquirer.com.ph Website: www.inquirer.net/regions
Across the NATION
Text us your feedback: inquirer atn name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

VISAYAS BUREAU
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: inq_cebu@inquirer.com.ph

MINDANAO BUREAU
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. No. (082)244-1770 to 71
Fax No. (082)244-1771
E-mail: inq_davao@inquirer.com.ph

Manobo kids urge pullout of soldiers

DAVAO CITY—DISPLACED MANOBO CHILDREN IN Lianga, Surigao del Sur, are appealing to President Macapagal-Arroyo to put a stop to the military operations in their area and help them go home for Christmas.

In a Christmas card they plan to send the President, Mary Ann Garay, 11; Alcelyn Rodriguez, 10; and Jeffrey Prado, 13, have expressed their Christmas wish to return home "peacefully" and secured as they will ask the President to pull out the soldiers in the area.

The children took part in psychosocial activities organized by the Kabiba Children's Alliance, as part of the recent fact-finding and medical mission led by different ecumenical groups to the different evacuation sites in Lianga, Surigao del Sur, where intense military operations were ongoing.

More than 2,000 people have been displaced after armed troops belonging to the 58th Infantry Battalion entered their area last month allegedly in pursuit of New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

But teachers of the alternative lumad learning school based in Janipaan said the soldiers have been disrupting classes and have been living inside the residents' houses, prompting the residents to flee.

Honey Mae Suazo, Kabiba spokesperson, said 150 children between 2 and 17 years old, joined their activity. She described most of the children as "deeply traumatized."

Sister Elsa Compuesto, MSM, executive secretary of the Sisters' Association of Mindanao (Samin), said diseases were beginning to break out in heavily congested evacuation sites where one of them had given birth prematurely allegedly because of stress.

"After 18 days inside the crammed evacuation site in Diatagon gym, many of the evacuees are getting sick," said Compuesto.

"A woman gave a premature birth seven days after she arrived at the gym. She was obviously stressed out after having hiked more than 20 kilometers just to reach town only to take refuge in a place that hardly gives her any amount of comfort," she added.

Over 1,000 evacuees in Diatagon gym, one of the most congested evacuation sites, have to share two toilets, which have clogged and malfunctioned, said Kristine Gimongala of the community-based health service, who participated in the medical mission.

Neglect

Poor sanitation, lack of water supply, malnutrition, poor resistance to diseases and heavy congestion continued to threaten the health of evacuees inside these evacuation sites, she explained.

"They experience not only human rights violations, their basic right to health services are also not being attended to by the government," she said.

She said diarrhea, pneumonia and influenza have become a common disease among the four evacuation sites the mission visited in Buhisan and Diatagon.

A 1-year-old baby was rushed to the hospital because of pneumonia but was denied medical attention because the hospital allegedly lacked facilities. Gimongala said the elderly evacuees also showed stress-related diseases like indigestion and hypertension.

Lianga Mayor Vicente Belos Pedroso had earlier told residents to go home but the Manobo evacuees said they still feared for their safety because of their past experiences with the military.

Jona Marza, 16, recalled her experience in 2005, when her cousin, Jessie Bacasmas, was killed when the soldiers arrived. He was hauling their things into a truck on their way out of the area.

Waves of evacuations in the sitios of Diatagon in Lianga started on Nov. 21 to 24, because of the heavy presence of soldiers. Residents, mostly Manobos, took shelter in elementary school buildings in Libas, Janipaan and Buhisan; in a barangay hall in Karas-an and a gymnasium in barangay Diatagon. *Germelina Lacorte, Inquirer Mindanao*

Quezon refugees camp out in Manila

LUCENA CITY—CARRYING BACKPACKS, woven mats, kitchen utensils, and other belongings, five families, who have evacuated from General Luna and San Narciso, Quezon, because of intensified military operations in their area, are now on their fifth day of their camp-out in Metro Manila to seek the attention of national government agencies on their case.

Doris Cuario, secretary general of the human rights group Karapatan, said the families, including 16 children, slept in a makeshift camp on the grounds of the Quezon City Hall's Freedom Park.

Cuario said countless other farmers from Quezon had been displaced due to intensified counterinsurgency operations by soldiers from the Army's 74th Infantry Battalion operating in the Bondoc Peninsula and the 76th IB operating in the Lamon Bay area.

She said the displaced farmers will stage a "people's camp" until Dec. 10 to commemorate Human Rights Day.

Seven-month pregnant Neesa Ilagan said her husband, Efren, was ordered twice to report to the military detachment at the Malaya National High School where he was tortured, interrogated, and forced to admit that he was an NPA supporter, Neesa said.

She recalled that when the military ordered Efren to again report to the military on Nov. 30, his family left their home on Dec. 1 "because of fear of further torture and inhumane treatment."

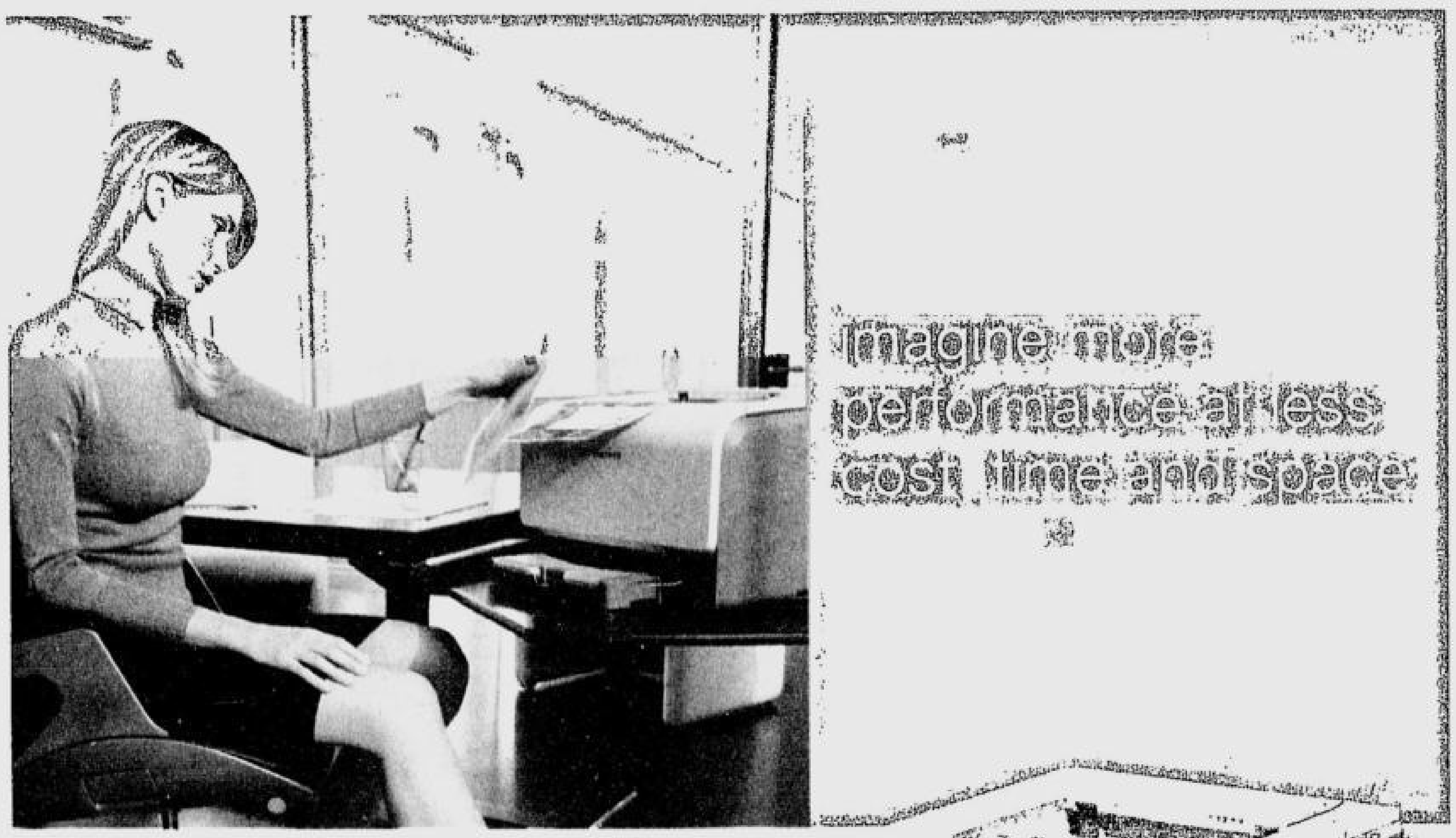
She said four of her children have stopped schooling since then.

"The military treats innocent civilians as NPAs or their supporters. They do not know the difference between their enemies and the people whom they should protect and serve. They beat up our husbands and do not let us sleep because of fear when they are around," Ilagan said.

Armed Forces Southern Luzon Command officials scoffed at the accusation saying they were all "rehashed and fabricated charges."

Army Maj. Randolph Cabangbang, Solcom spokesperson, said the leftist groups and protesting farmers could not even file a single legitimate case against the military for lack of credible witnesses and evidence.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr. and Niña Catherine Calleja, Inquirer Southern Luzon



Space Save for an attractive and uncluttered office
Time Save thanks to faster printing, higher quality & format versatility
Cost Save at one touch for up to 40% less toner usage

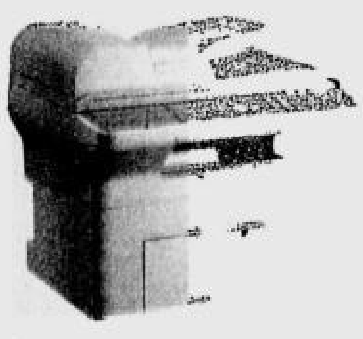
MONO LASER PRINTER

Compact & Stylish Printer for Personal Use & Small Departments

- Print Speed: Up to 20ppm
- Resolution: 1200x600 dpi
- Input Capacity: 150-sheet Multi-Purpose Tray
- Output Capacity: 100-sheet Face Down
- Interface: USB 1.1 (Compatible with USB 2.0)
- OS Compatibility: Windows, Macintosh and Linux
- Special Feature: Toner Save Button

ML-2010 Printer
P4,995

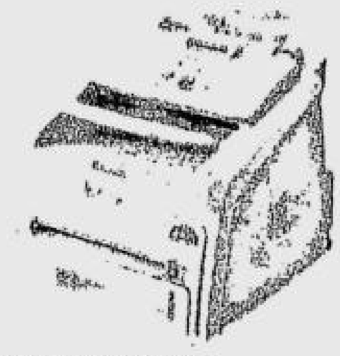
MULTI FUNCTION PRINTERS



SCX-4521F Printer

I MFP

- Functionality Copy • Scan • Print • Fax
- Print Speed Up to 20 ppm (A4)
- Resolution 600x600 dpi
- Fax Speed 33.6 kbps
- Interface USB 1.1 (compatible with USB 2.0), IEEE 1284 Parallel
- Compatible with Windows, Macintosh, Linux
- Advanced Digital Copy Features ID Copy, Auto-fit, Clone, Poster, Collation
- 250 Sheet Casette Tray

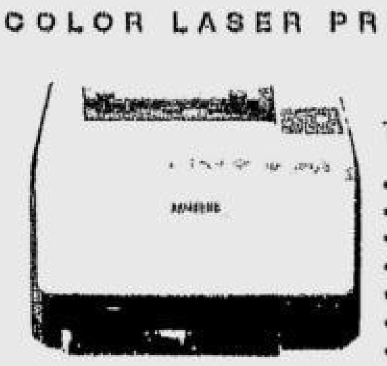


SF-565PR Printer

Compact 5-in-1 MFP Perfect for Your Home Office & Personal Use

- Functionality Copy • Scan • Print • Fax • Phone
- Print Speed Up to 18 ppm
- Resolution 600x600 dpi (print)
- Fax Speed 33.6 kbps
- Interface USB 1.1 (compatible with USB 2.0), IEEE 1284 Parallel
- OS Compatibility Windows, Macintosh, Linux
- 250 Sheet Casette Tray
- Special Features One-touch Toner / Toll Save Buttons, 96-hour Battery Back-up, Professional Print Layouts Multi-Pages per Side, Fit to Page, Poster, Watermark and Overlay

COLOR LASER PRINTER



CLP-300 Printer

The World's Smallest and Lightest Color Laser Printer

- Print Speed Up to 16 ppm in B/W(A4), 4 ppm in color (A4)
- Resolution 2400x600 dpi
- Input Capacity 150-sheet Cassette Tray
- Output Capacity: 100-sheet Face Down
- Interface USB 2.0
- OS Compatibility Windows, Macintosh, Linux
- Special Features The world's smallest and lightest Color Laser Printer, Only 46dB (Lowest Noise Level in its Class), Unique Toners, Easy Toner Change

Samsung Customer Contact Center: TOLL FREE 1-800-10SAMSUNG for PLDT or 1-800-3SAMSUNG for Digitel.

SAMSUNG

Tacloban wants to hike taxes by 10% in 2008

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—THE CITY GOVERNment is set to introduce starting next year an ordinance that will increase local taxes by 10 percent.

The introduction of the new tax ordinance will not only shore up the city's annual revenues, now totaling over P300 million, but will also settle the city's unresolved dispute with the local business community over the tax measure introduced seven years ago, according to city treasurer Edgar Macion.

"This plan to introduce a new tax ordinance in the city is in compliance with the provision of our local government code which allows local government units to increase its taxes every five years and to settle an earlier problem which tax ordinance must be followed," Macion explained.

In 2000, the administration of then Mayor Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez introduced Tax Ordinance No. (TON) 2000-39 but it was questioned by the city's business community as "excessive and antipoor" as it imposed more than the allowable ceiling of 10 percent.

The city council later reduced the tax rates through an amendatory measure, TON 2000-58.

While the business community, represented by the Leyte Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), filed a case against the city government to stop the implementation of TON 2000-39, they were allowed to pay their taxes on rates enumerated under TON 2000-58.

The case filed by the LCCI is still pending before the Court of Tax Appeals.

Macion said that with the introduction of a new tax ordinance, the problem of which tax ordinance to be followed by the businessmen and other taxpayers would now become "moot and academic."

At present, more than 4,200 businesses operate in the city.

With a higher tax collection, the city government could finance more projects and services needed by its more than 200,000 population, he said.

Macion said the city's business sector, in a recent meeting with city officials, did not object to a 10-percent tax hike.

Orlando Uy, former immediate president of the LCCI, confirmed that the business community supports the proposed new tax ordinance.

"The proposed 10 percent increase, for us, is reasonable. And I guess this is what we have to pay as Tacloban is marching towards development," he said. "We just hope that whatever income the city government would derive out of the (increased) tax would benefit our populace."

Councilor Wilson Uy (no relation to businessman Uy), who is also a member of the LCCI, said the city council would tackle the new tax ordinance this month so it can be passed and approved for implementation by January.

More cops to be deployed to Jolo for special elections

COTABATO CITY—THE POLICE IN THE Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao will be sending additional forces in Jolo and nearby areas following an explosion of a home-made bomb near the Commission on Elections office on Dec. 8.

ARMM police chief Chief Supt. Joel Goltiao said the attempt was meant to scare election officials who will administer the special village polls and youth elections in at least 50 areas in Sulu.

No one was hurt in the blast that came at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

"We will deploy more peacekeepers to ensure peaceful elections a week from now," he said in a radio interview.

Additional policemen backed by military personnel will also be deployed in Lanao del Sur, Shariff Kabunsuan and Basilan, three of the four areas in ARMM where the poll body would administer special village and youth polls on Dec. 15.

Goltiao said his office was recommending to the PNP and the Comelec that policemen handle special elections and secure the electoral exercises.

Failure of elections in at least 70 villages in Mindanao, mostly in the ARMM, was declared after the teachers refused to serve last Oct. 29 due to intense political rivalries.

Goltiao said the police would ensure that the elections would be held freely and without harm to election officials and the electorate.

"We are coordinating with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, we want to ensure the elections would be peaceful and orderly," Goltiao said, reiterating PNP Chief Avelino Razon's directive to ensure the peaceful conduct of balloting.

"There should be no more failure of elections," he said. *Edwin O. Fernandez, Inquirer Mindanao*

NEWSBRIEFS

Quakes hit Ilocos Sur, Norte

LAOAG CITY—Two earthquakes separately rocked Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte on Sunday, reports from the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) showed.

The Phivolcs office based in Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, said no one was reported hurt and no structure was damaged in the quakes.

Ernesto Agnir, Phivolcs science research specialist, said fault movements caused the earthquakes but Phivolcs could not yet determine if the movements came from the Manila trench or the Bangui fault in Ilocos Norte.

The first quake, which measured magnitude 3.9 in the Richter scale, hit Ilocos Sur at 11:57 a.m. Its epicenter was located 43 km northwest of Vigan City.

The second earthquake, which measured magnitude 3.1, hit Ilocos Norte about two hours later, at 1:54 p.m. Its epicenter was located 23 km south of Laoag City.

Cristina Arzadon, Inquirer Northern Luzon

Man faces jail term for theft

ILOILO CITY—A 50-year-old man caught stealing 30 meters of electric wire from the city's lights system is now facing charges that could land him a prison term of up to 20 years.

Loreto Peñaflorida, of Arroyo Street here, was charged before the city prosecutor's office with violation of the Anti-Electricity and Electric Transmission Lines/Materials Pilferage Act of 1994, which provides for a maximum jail term of 20 years and a fine of up to P200,000.

Peñaflorida was caught by traffic aides removing the wire, coveted for its copper content, from an electric post along Ledesma Street, said Salvador Pedregosa, head of the city's Task Force Boltahe, the body tasked to clamp down on electric wire thieves.

David Israel Sinay, Inquirer Visayas

Mayor asked to leave post

SAN ANTONIO, Zambales—A judge here ordered San Antonio Mayor Romeo Lonzanida to vacate his post for violating the term limit rule of the Omnibus Election Code.

In a decision issued Nov. 27, Judge Consuelo Bocar of the regional trial court here found that Lonzanida was mayor of San Antonio from 1988 to the present. The case against Lonzanida arose from a complaint from three town residents that he was disqualified from running in the May 14 elections because he had exceeded his term limit.

Bocar named Vice Mayor Lugil Ragadio as mayor until 2010 instead of the losing candidate, Dr. Estella Antipolo, following the law of succession.

Inquirer Central Luzon

Cops search for nursing stude

STA. CRUZ, Davao del Sur—Police here have coordinated with other police offices in Mindanao to locate a 17-year-old nursing student allegedly abducted by a male textmate.

Town police chief Insp. Rowen Rey Pornobe said on Dec. 7 that Crystal May Ambrosia, a resident of Barangay Bato here, agreed to meet her textmate again, identified as Manolito Daroy, alias Alexander Rivera Devira, on Dec. 1.

Pornobe said Daroy went to the girl's house and invited her to a still undetermined place. He said it was the last time Ambrosia was seen.

Pornobe said on Dec. 4, Ambrosia sent a text message to her best friend, begging for help and saying she was being held against her will. Pornobe said subsequent efforts to reach Ambrosia had failed.

Orlando Dinoy, Inquirer Mindanao

Briton found dead

BUTUAN CITY—A British missionary who had been reported missing for 16 days was found dead and dumped along a swampy area in San Francisco, Agusan del Sur, on Saturday afternoon.

Senior Supt. Ramon Espiritu, deputy police chief for operations in the Caraga Region, said the body of David Brash, 62, a Baptist missionary and married to a Filipina, was burned to death and was in an advance state of decomposition when found.

Confession

Late last month, Analyn Batalyer Brash, 23, David's wife, went to the Butuan police to report the disappearance of her husband after the latter failed to return home at the couple's rented apartment in Barangay Libertad here.

Following weeks of police investigation and interrogation on Analyn, Espiritu said the Filipina confessed and admitted her role in her husband's disappearance and murder. *Franklin A. Caliguid, Inquirer Mindanao*

Canon
Delighting You Always

Scan-to-Anywhere

Document scanning for your office network made simple.

86%
Canon
ScanFront 220

FREE 80GB Portable HDD
with every purchase of a Canon ScanFront 220/220P

ScanFront 220/220P
Network Scanner

1 scanner for the entire network
Large 8.4" touchscreen for preview and control
Speedy 25 ppm and 50 images per minute scanning
Wide file format support

Business Can be simple

Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc.
Marvin Plaza Building, 2153 Don Chino Roces Avenue cor. V.A. Rufino Street, Makati City T.884.9000 E:info@canon.com.ph http://www.canon.com.ph
Look for John Gargantano T.884.9035 F:894.4174 E.john.gargantano@cspl.canon.com.sg

www.ssci.com.ph
SEIKO

Sportura KINETIC Chronograph

THIS IS THE SPORTURA KINETIC CHRONOGRAPH. ACCURATE TO ONE SECOND A DAY WITH NO BATTERY CHANGE EVER NEEDED. MOVE, AND THE WATCH IS POWERED AUTOMATICALLY DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR MOTOR SPORT, THIS IS THE CHOICE OF JENSON BUTTON. IS IT YOU?

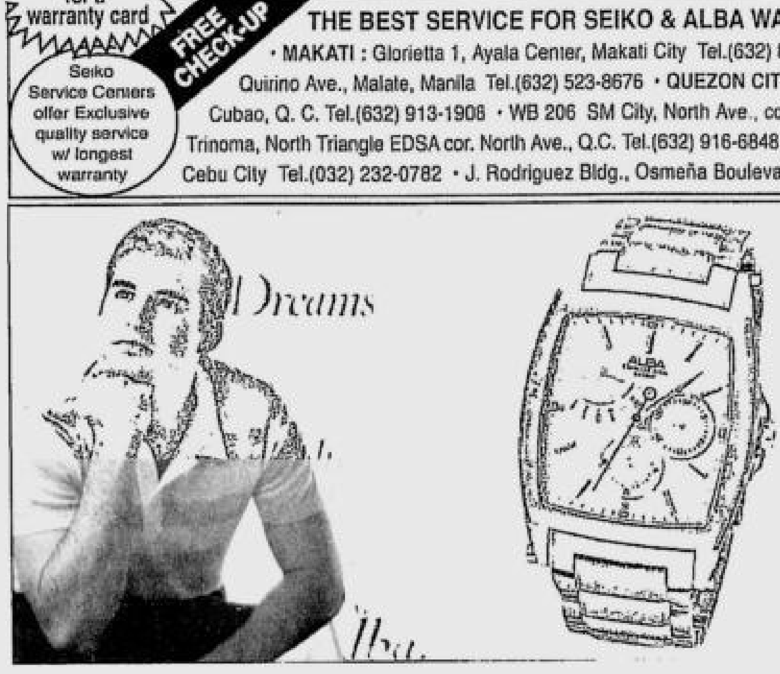
F1 Honda Racing Team
WATCH PARTNER

Always ask for a warranty card

Seiko Service Centers offer Exclusive quality service w/ longest warranty

FREE CHECK-UP

THE BEST SERVICE FOR SEIKO & ALBA WATCHES AT THESE SEIKO SERVICE CENTERS
• MAKATI : Glorietta 1, Ayala Center, Makati City Tel.(632) 892-8302 • MANILA : 1990 NICFUR Building., cor. Taft & Quirino Ave., Malate, Manila Tel.(632) 523-8676 • QUEZON CITY : #4 Lower Grd. Flr., New Farmer's Plaza Araneta Center Cubao, Q. C. Tel.(632) 913-1906 • WB 206 SM City, North Ave., cor. EDSA Q. C. Tel.(632) 929-3097 • Space 1056 Level M1 Trinoma, North Triangle EDSA cor. North Ave., Q.C. Tel.(632) 916-6848 • CEBU : Lower Grd. Flr., SM City North Reclamation Area, Cebu City Tel.(032) 232-0782 • J. Rodriguez Bldg., Osmeña Boulevard, Cebu City Tel.(032) 253-6936



From SEIKO WATCH CORPORATION

ALBA

Available at any SEIKO Service Center and authorized Dealers nationwide

Forging Partnerships for Peace

LUZON-VISAYAS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

. AETA . AGTA . A'TA . IGOROT . IFUGAO . IKALAHAN . BONTOC . AYTA-AGTA . PALAW'AN .
. KANKANA-EY . DUMAGAT . TAGBANUA . ALANGAN – MANGYAN . TAOBUHID – MANGYAN .
. HANUNUO – MANGYAN . KABIHUG . IBALOI . KALINGA . TINGGIAN . GADDANGS . ILONGOT .

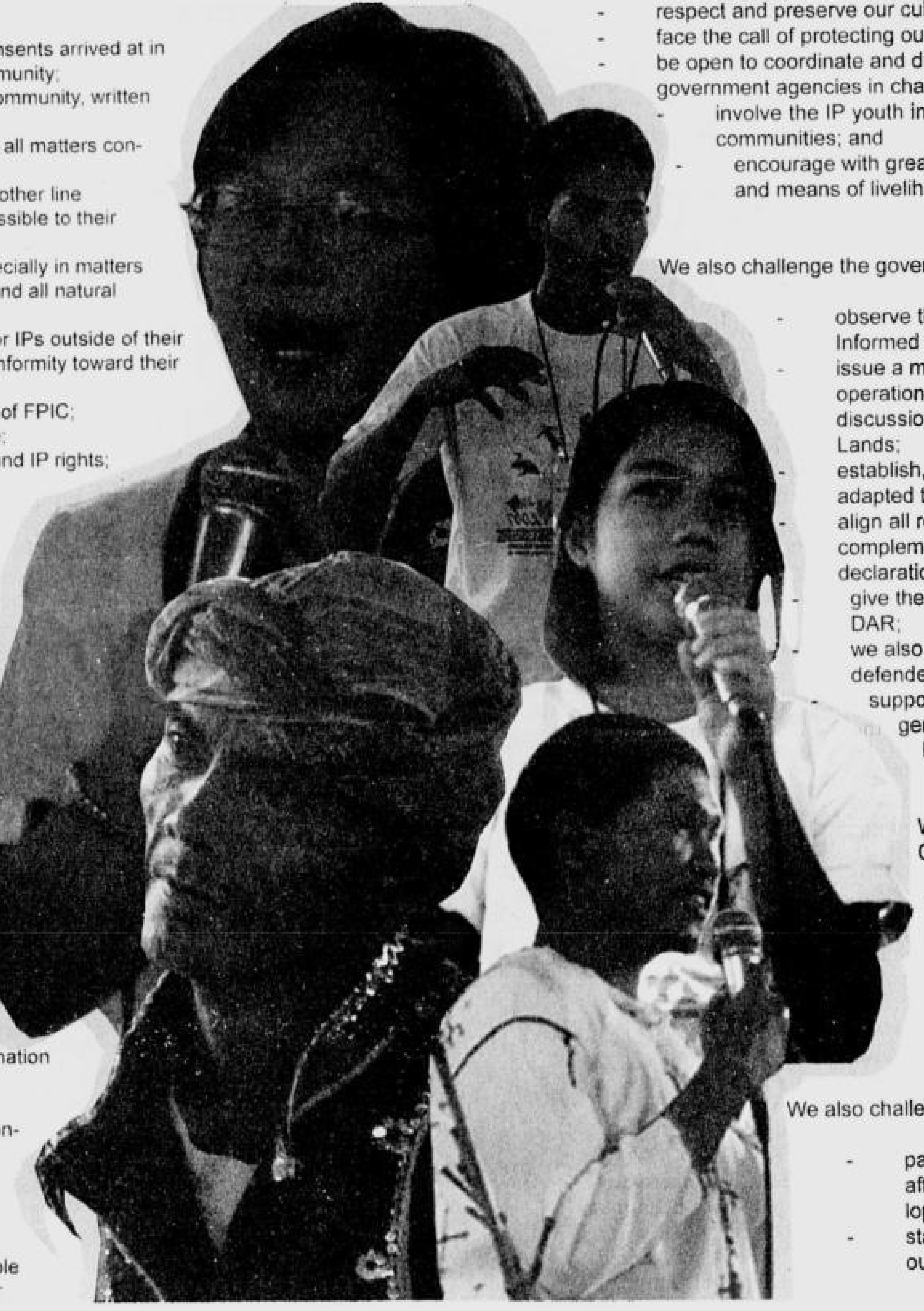
*The **Forging Partnerships for Peace** (FPP) conferences attended by Indigenous Peoples in 2005 and 2007 from all over the country provided an opportunity for the indigenous Filipinos to analyze their present struggles and situations. They drafted recommendations for the common good and future of their communities. The assessment of the two gatherings gave birth to the IP Agenda which highlighted the specific proposals pertaining to the five general themes of the gathering: Kapayapaan, Karapatan sa Lupa, Kalikasan at Kabuhayan, Karunungan, and Kultura at Kasarinlan.*

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S PEACE AGENDA

We, the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) of the Republic of the Philippines, unite as one to call on all sectors of society to assist us in our struggle in the security and development of our communities, state our specific recommendations on the following:

Karunungan

1. That the whole educational system should integrate IP rights and culture in all its curricula at all levels;
2. That the NCIP continue to recommend to DepEd qualified IP teachers for appointment and permanent posting especially in schools within the IP communities;
3. That massive education and information dissemination about IPRA in all IP communities, media, LGUs, government agencies, and all non-IPs be properly implemented;
4. To increase the scholarship allotment for IPs and to judiciously retain scholars based on an equitable number of slots per ethnoliguistic group and the value (rate) toward accelerated participation of IPs to formal education;
5. That the Educational Service Contract be increased and be given to schools with IP population.



Karapatan sa Lupa

1. That all FPICs be thoroughly free prior and informed consents arrived at in open, complete, transparent consultations with the community;
2. That all activities be conducted and announced in the community, written in the language of the concerned IP community;
3. That customary laws assume prior operation in any and all matters concerning IPs or of their ancestral domain;
4. The the NCIP be restructured independent of DAR and other line agencies to be more responsive, accountable and accessible to their constituents;
5. That NCIP be reminded that it is THE office for IPs especially in matters affecting the tenure, use and management of IP lands and all natural resources therein;
6. That any and all programs, projects and interventions for IPs outside of their AD be clearly spelled out with their participation and conformity toward their sustainable development;
7. Increase IP representation in field-based investigations of FPIC;
8. Reach out to and allow non-organized IPs to participate;
9. Band together the IPs, NGOs and LGUs towards land and IP rights;
10. Effectively stop large-scale mining in IP lands;
11. Reform NCIP to better serve the IPs;
12. Abolish pending mining applications in the NCIP;
13. Support other agencies and LGUs to recognize customary laws and the sustainable plans done within ancestral domains.

Kapayapaan

1. That armed groups return to the negotiating table to talk peace once more;
2. That the government, private sector, civil society and armed groups respect IP customary laws and adhere to FPIC;
3. That the IP culture of peace be sowed and multiplied through coalition building;
4. That peace zones be declared by the IPs themselves;
5. That peace consultations start with civilians on peace talks;
6. That peace IP initiatives be strengthened e.g. Bodong and the other IP communities;
7. That extra-judicial killings be addressed;
8. That there is a strong support for IP advocacies and IP support groups;
9. That among NGOs a better inter-organizational coordination may exist;
10. That the NCIP implement well the IPRA;
11. That community-based IP support groups be institutionalized for the proper implementation of IPRA;
12. To build capacities for IP communities and the NCIP to effectively and efficiently implement the IPRA.

Kalikasan

1. Full recognition and support to IP peace and sustainable development agenda as embodied for instance in their community development plan;
2. NCIP to ensure a transparent, judicious and open consultation of the FPIC in accordance to customary laws to protect and enhance IP rights;
3. For government and all other entities to recognize and support IP laws and processes in relation to natural resource management;
4. IP community-based livelihood enterprises be prioritized and supported by government and all other entities such as subsidy to shift from commercial to organic farming/ sustainable agricultural systems;
5. That subsidies be encouraged for price stabilization fund of inputs and marketing cost especially of basic commodities and highly perishable goods;
6. Harmonize IPRA and all other laws subject of its repealing clause;
7. Selection of commissioners and other presidential appointees of NCIP be subjected to rigorous adherence to IPRA and open consultations with communities for short listing.

Kultura

1. Strengthen community consensus building and avoid divide and rule tactics;
2. Revisit the old indigenous values, especially by the IPs who have the capacity to improve their communities;
3. Cultivate love and respect for one's own culture through cultural assertion;
4. Unite to have one IP voice that is culturally rooted and globally competitive;
5. For the government and NCIP to recognize and accept IP ways of selecting and electing community leaders;
6. Recognize and accept IP systems and process in choosing community leader such as the exemption of local leaders from the prevailing national election process;
7. Recognize community members' responsibility in monitoring the implementation of projects that they have approved for consensus building;
8. Guidelines be set by local councils in IP representation in duly mandated bodies in conformity with IP systems and practices;
9. That the community provide adequate and appropriate support to IP leaders to communicate their ideas and community decisions in a language others can understand;
10. That IPs continuously seek creative and supportive means to implement IPRA beyond the processes and rules set by NCIP but in accordance with the spirit of the law and the realities of the communities.

Forging Partnerships for Peace Steering Committee:

BALAY CPF GZO UNDP

KALINDOGAN 2007

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH PEACE CONGRESS

. TALAANDIG . HIGAONON . SUBANEN . MANOBO . MANOBO – ARUMANEN . MANOBO – SARANGGANI .
. MATIGSALOG . MAMANWA . MANSAKA . MAGGWANGAN . DIBABAWON . MANDAYA . TAGABAWA . B'LAAN .
. BUKIDNON . UMAYAMNON . PULANGIHON . BAGOBO . BADJAO . TAUSUG . SAMA . BAGOBO – CLATA .
. BAGOBO – TAGABAWA . TEDURAY . TAGAKAOLO . AGUSANON - MANOBO . T'BOLI . AETA – MAGANTSI .
. IFUGAO – TUWALI . IBALOI . KALANGUYA . KANKANA-EY . BONTOC . IKARAO . KALINGA – APPLAI . APAYAO .
. MANGYAN – HANUNUO . MANGYAN – IRAYA . MANGYAN – BUHID . MANGYAN – TADYAWAN .
. MANGYAN – ALANGAN . TAGBANUA . BOTOG .

*On October 16 to 19, different young individuals from 43 various tribes around the country gathered together for a four-day youth peace congress called **Kalindogan 2007.** The event allowed the IP youths to strengthen their roles in advancing Indigenous People's rights and provided a venue for cultural exchange and sharing of life skills, dialogue between youth and elders, and for- ging partnerships among IP youth organizations and networks. The following are the declarations of the IP youths to express their common desire for peace, justice and development among indigenous people.*

INDIGENOUS YOUTH UNITY STATEMENT 2007

We, the delegates to the Kalindogan 2007, a gathering of young Indigenous Peoples (IPs) from all over the Philippines, in our commitment and desire to help in the development of our communities, wish to make the following declaration:

The Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines continue to experience prejudice and injustice, human rights abuses, and exploitation that hinder the development of ourselves and our communities. Furthermore, the IPs continue to be victimized by the wanton destruction of our country's natural resources, the prejudicial laws of the Philippine government, and the recurring conflicts caused by the misunderstanding among various groups.

We, the young Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines, shall continue to challenge our tribal communities as well as our leaders to:

- establish a unified voice that will represent our common tribe;
- respect and preserve our culture;
- face the call of protecting our ancestral lands even at the cost of one's life;
- be open to coordinate and dialogue with different government and non-government agencies in championing our human rights;
- involve the IP youth in community discussions towards the development of communities; and
- encourage with greater fervor other IPs to return to traditional ways and means of livelihood and development.

We also challenge the government to:

- observe the right process in applying the Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) as a just means in making decisions;
- issue a moratorium on the releasing of applications for the operations of mining and mono-cropping plantations while discussions are ongoing as to how these will affect Ancestral Lands;
- establish, uphold, and propagate an educational system that is adapted to the needs and context of our own culture;
- align all related and conflicting laws such that they support and complement the provisions of RA 8371 (IPRA Law) and the UN declaration on the IP Rights;
- give the NCIP a government agency status independent from DAR;
- we also challenge the NCIP to be true to its mandate as the defender of the IP rights;
- support educational programs that are in line with our indigenous culture of the IP youth that will be established by NGOs and IPOs.

We also challenge and encourage the NGOs and the Church to:

- listen to us IPs and respect our culture in creating and in implementing projects;
- support and listen to the general issues of the IPs
- undergo the Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) process.

We also challenge our fellow young IPs to:

- participate and join the elders in discussing issues that affect our tribe, as well as the general modern and development issues of society;
- stand up for our own culture and the true aspirations of our communities.

We the delegates are committed to:

- establish core groups in our communities that will work to encourage awareness and greater involvement among other youth; and
- coordinate with the different IP communities, agencies and other support groups;
- lead efforts that promote order in our tribe;
- endeavor to become a united voice that will represent our communities in various branches of government, as well as in national and local movements.

Kalindogan 2007 Partners:

Cordaid unicef

Lawyers say amparo opens door to human rights awareness

BAGUIO CITY—MORE THAN A MONTH since guidelines for the application of the writ of amparo have been released, awareness of the country's human rights situation and of the rights of victims has improved, lawyers said.

"There is more awareness of the human rights situation [in the country] and some sort of encouragement on the part of the government to take human rights seriously," said Judge Cleto Villacorta III, founding member of the Counsels for the Defense of Civil Liberties (Codal).

In a forum on the writ of amparo at the Saint Louis Center Hall here on Dec. 4, Villacorta said other human rights lawyers are also discussing the use of the writ against the government after United Nations Special Rapporteur Philip Alston linked the Armed Forces of the Philippines to human rights violations and extrajudicial killings in the country.

Villacorta said lawyers could initiate a petition for the writ to compel the government to stop any campaign or program that might violate human rights. One of these campaigns is the Oplan Bantay Laya, the government's antiinsurgency program, he said.

The writ of amparo is the latest remedy available to any person whose right to life, liberty and security has been violated or is threatened by an unlawful act by public officials or employees and by private individuals or groups.

It was promulgated following the recommendation from the national consultative summit on extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances called by Chief Justice Reynato Puno in July.

Villacorta, a founding member of the National Union of People's Lawyers (NUPL), said that under the writ, the government would be compelled to act to improve the human rights situation.

"What we try to do is to see how restrictive this law is. We are trying to see if the provisions could be extended to include the government in the writ, because in the Alston report, it only [identified] a government institution and not certain individuals," he said.

The writ has yet to bear results in finding missing activist Jonas Burgos and University of the Philippines students Karen Empeño and Sherlyn Cadapan.

"The writ will not stop the violations, but it may help improve the human rights situation [in the country]," Villacorta said.

"There should be a continuing documentation of human rights violations. The writ gives us hope but it will not solve all the problems. We should continue to assert our rights," said lawyer Randy Kinaud, secretary general of Cordillera Human Rights Alliance. *Desiree Caluza, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

Palawan mountain range declared off limits to mining

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—WITH MOST OF the entire Southern Palawan already practically covered by mining applications and several ongoing large scale nickel mining operations, the provincial government on Dec. 6 declared a mining moratorium in the region's last remaining contiguous forest bloc, the Mt. Mantalingahan Range.

Palawan Gov. Joel T. Reyes called for a moratorium on all mining activities inside the proposed protected area covering 126,348 hectares of mostly old growth forests that straddles five municipalities.

The proposal to declare the area as a protected landscape is in its final stage of approval, having been endorsed last month by the Mimaropa Regional Development Council for signature of the President, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

'We will no longer accept any mining application in Mt. Mantalingahan'

"We will no longer accept any mining application in Mt. Mantalingahan and we will see to it that the President will sign the order to declare it as a protected area," Reyes said.

He made the declaration at the close of a one-day mining summit organized by the DENR and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development and was attended by local and national policy makers, mining industry representatives and the civil society sector.

"This is a welcome development and good news for our municipality," Brooke's Point Vice Mayor and antimining activist lawyer Jean Feliciano told the INQUIRER.

DENR and provincial records show that there are more than 30 pending applications for Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSA) in the five municipalities that share boundaries with Mt. Mantalingahan.

There are also two major nickel mining operations around the protected area—the Berong Nickel project in Quezon and Coral Bay Nickel operation in Bataraza, which is the country's largest exporter of nickel ore.

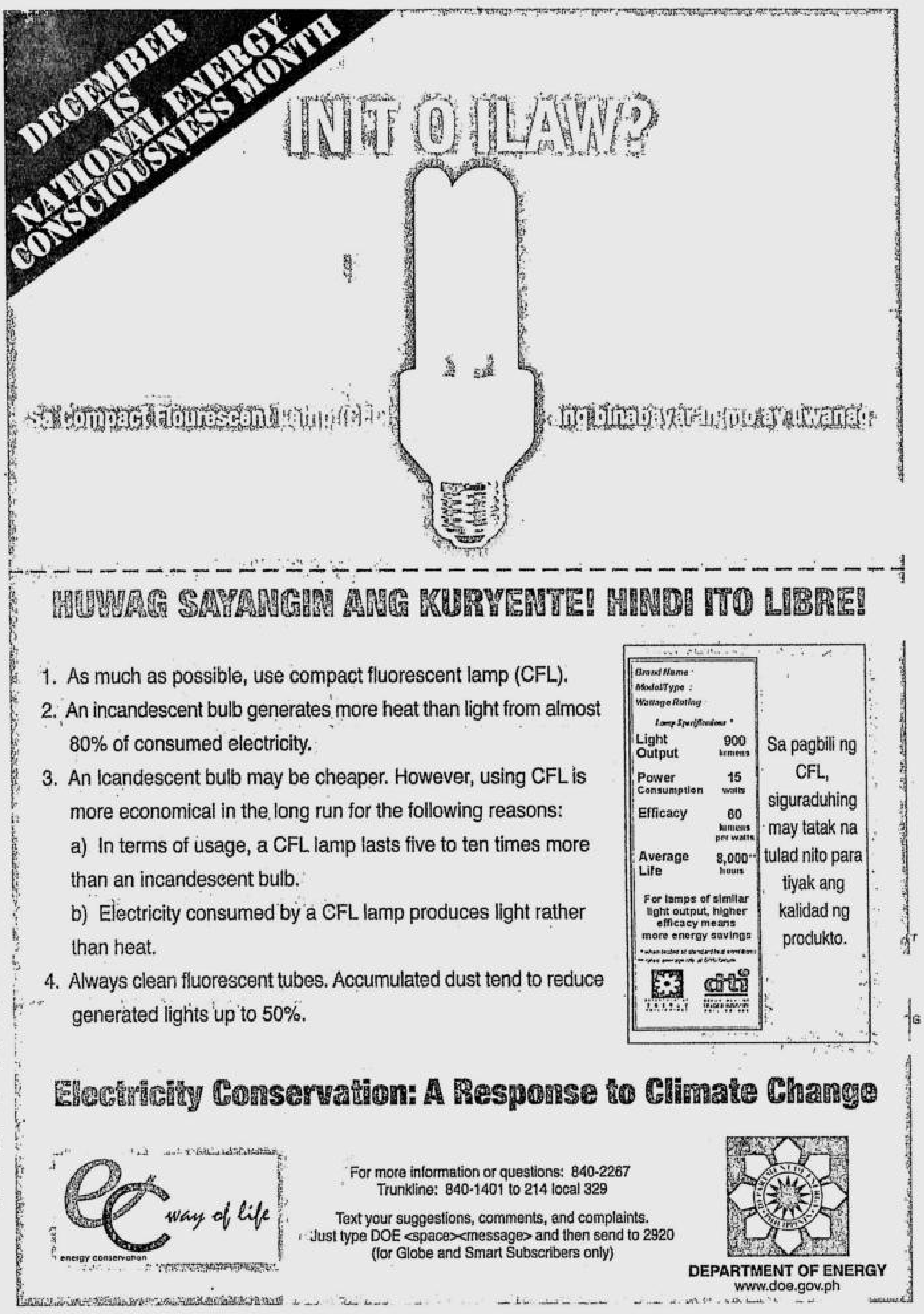
Lucio Tan's MacroAsia group is also expected to start soon another MPSA operation for nickel ore in Brooke's Point.

Environmentalists have lobbied for the protection of Mt. Mantalingahan Range, citing its importance as .a watershed for the lowland towns of Southern Palawan and its high biological diversity.

An expedition conducted early this year by Conservation International yielded several new species of plants and animals, including an orchid and a mountain shrew that is now known to exist only in the locality.

Also at the mining summit, Reyes ordered the inclusion of additional civil society representatives in the multi-sectoral monitoring bodies that are independently overseeing the operations of mining companies in Southern Palawan and their compliance with their environmental clearance permits.

Nongovernment groups have lobbied for their representation in several of these bodies, including the Provincial Mining and Regulatory Board which approves small-scale mining applications and quarry permits in Palawan. *Redempto Anda, Inquirer Southern Luzon*


DECEMBER IS NATIONAL ENERGY CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH

INIT O ILAW?

Sa compact flourescent lamp (CFL) ng binabayaran mo ay liwanag

HUWAG SAYANGIN ANG KURYENTE! HINDI ITO LIBRE!

1. As much as possible, use compact fluorescent lamp (CFL).
2. An incandescent bulb generates more heat than light from almost 80% of consumed electricity.
3. An Icandescent bulb may be cheaper. However, using CFL is more economical in the long run for the following reasons:
    a) In terms of usage, a CFL lamp lasts five to ten times more than an incandescent bulb.
    b) Electricity consumed by a CFL lamp produces light rather than heat.
4. Always clean fluorescent tubes. Accumulated dust tend to reduce generated lights up to 50%.

Brand Name :
Model/Type :
Wattage Rating

Light Output	900 lumens
Power Consumption	15 watts
Efficacy	60 lumens per watts
Average Life	8,000 hours

For lamps of similar light output, higher efficacy means more energy savings

Sa pagbili ng CFL, siguraduhing may tatak na tulad nito para tiyak ang kalidad ng produkto.

Electricity Conservation: A Response to Climate Change

ec way of life
energy conservation

For more information or questions: 840-2267
Trunkline: 840-1401 to 214 local 329

Text your suggestions, comments, and complaints.
Just type DOE <space><message> and then send to 2920
(for Globe and Smart Subscribers only)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
www.doe.gov.ph

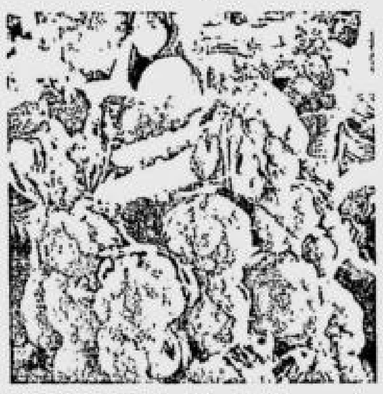
Veggie farmers seek protection

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—Farmers were getting agog over the surge in the trading of vegetables at the trading post here but were asking local officials and the Department of Agriculture to help them in their campaign against midnight traders, bouncing checks and "*kotong*" or extortion.

Traders' trucks from Manila and lowland provinces were competing for space with trucks coming from the province's vegetable farms, causing a heavy traffic on the road going to the trading post.

More porters, buyers, packers and disposers were crowding the trading center's 24-hour operation.

Potatoes, carrots, cabbages and chayote were leading the heavy volume of vegetables traded wholesale as business was expected to further peak in the coming days of the Yuletide.


VEGETABLE trading in Benguet is expected to peak in the coming days of the Yuletide.

EV ESPIRITU/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

Dominador Dongla, trading post chief market inspector, said that if prices remained upbeat, the trading could breach the 2.5 million kilos of vegetables traded at the post daily this season.

"This time, the farmers' production would be directly confronted by the peak in demand," he said.

The DA and the Benguet Truckers and Traders Association (BTTA) were about to sign a memorandum of agreement for the creation of a task force to monitor the daily volume of vegetables hauled from the trading post to Manila and other provinces.

Patricio Ananayo, the DA's agribusiness marketing and assistance division chief in the Cordillera, said the data would assure the stability of vegetable supply in line with the government's food security program.

"The increased business activity here indicates that there is also an increased demand for vegetables in the metropolitan area and other provinces," he said.

But farmers have asked the province's vegetable industry leaders and agriculture officials to implement measures to curb extortion by policemen and Land Transportation Office agents.

The BTTA's members have raised the same concern, fearing that the mulcting activities would also become rampant this season.

Lantico Copas, a farmer-trader, said the authorities must also adopt measures to prevent the arrival of midnight traders, or those buyers who visit the trading post only during the Yuletide and order supplies of vegetables but would not pay after the vegetables have been delivered to Manila.

Copas said there were also traders who pay their orders by check that were often rejected by the bank due to lack of funds.

"The farmers often end up being victimized," he said. *Delmar Cariño, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

The Great Panasonic Projector Sale

Panasonic

EXTENDED! until December 15, 2007

The biggest Panasonic Sale this year.

PT- P1SD
4- in- 1
Digital SD Slide Projector
Built- in SD Card Reader for PC- Less Presentations
A PC- Less, Slide, Video and data projector in one small package
VGA, Video and s- video terminal for regular wired usage

BEFORE: SRP P39,990
NOW: Cash Price P33,990*

PT- LB51SE
2000 SVGA 1.8 Kg
SRP P41,990
NOW: Cash Price P36,990*

Get these FREE items. All worth P8,490

Panasonic Fax KX- FT931 + Draper Wall Screen + Infiniter Remote Mouse with laser pointer

For every purchase of two or combination of Panasonic Projectors on sale.

SENRUN
PROFESSIONAL WIRELESS PA SYSTEM
20% OFF
Before: P49,990
NOW: P39,990

COSMOTECH
Projector World

Ground Floor King's Court Bldg.1 , 2129 Chino Roces Ave.,
Makati City (Back of Makati Medical Center)
Parkings slots are available, otherwise you may park along Amorsolo St.
Tel: 759 2484 to 88, 759 5761 to 65
HOT LINES: 3812628, 3815474

Provincial Venues:
CEBU: 3rd Floor MJL Bldg. AS Fortuna St., Mandaue City (Beside Volvo Showroom) Tel: 032- 4166757 to 58, 0922- 8444419
DAVAO: The Projector World, 3/F Cyberzone, SM City Mall , Ecoland Davao City Tel: 082- 2978340, 2978341, 0922- 8444418

*Additional P1,000 for Cebu/ Davao orders
Per DTI NCR permit # 4365 Series of 2007

SPORTS

More Sports stories and SEA Games updates on A29 to 34

PUREFOODS center Romel Adducul commits a foul as he tries to reach over the back of Welcoat's Adonis Sta. Maria. RYAN LIM

Giants trip Dragons

GAMES WEDNESDAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
4:50 p.m.—Magnolia vs Coca-Cola
7:20 p.m.—Air21 vs Alaska

By June Navarro

PUREFOODS EXPLOITED THE eviction of Welcoat prized rookie Joe De Vance on fouls to pull off a hard-earned 92-80 win in the Smart-PBA Philippine Cup last night at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Raymundo presided over a ruthless scoring blitz by drilling in eight of his 21 points right after De Vance, this year's top overall pick, got booted out for committing two quick fouls in a span of 15 seconds.

De Vance drew the referee's whistle for smothering Romel Adducul at low post and immediately fetched his final foul in the ensuing play after slapping the wrist of a driving Raymundo with still eight minutes and 49 seconds to go.

"The six fouls of De Vance definitely gave us a huge lift," said Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio after the Giants recovered from back-to-back losses inflicted by the Magnolia Beverage Masters and the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals.

After the 6-foot-7 De Vance left the floor, the Giants broke loose and easily transformed a 73-71 edge to a double-digit spread on the incursions of Adducul and Raymundo's accurate perimeter shooting.

Without a take-charge guy to turn to, the Dragons decided to cling to Belasco, who tried but failed to single-handedly prevent Welcoat from suffering a fifth straight defeat.

The Dragons plummeted to their ninth loss overall with only three victories to show.

Paolo Mendoza came through with a fade-away jumper in the last 4.6 seconds to lift Sta. Lucia Realty to a come-from-behind 79-78 victory over Barangay Ginebra in the other game.

The Realtors improved to 6-6. The Kings lost for the eighth time in 13 games.

The scores:

First Game

PUREFOODS 92—Yap J. 21, Raymundo 21, Adducul 14, Simon 13, Pingris 8, Yap R. 7, Lanete 6, Evangelista 2, Sanz 0, Salvador 0.

WELCOAT 80—De Vance 25, Belasco 25, Lopez 8, Wainwright 6, Dulay 5, Ibañes 5, Gelig 4, Sta. Maria 2, Araña 0, Mente 0.

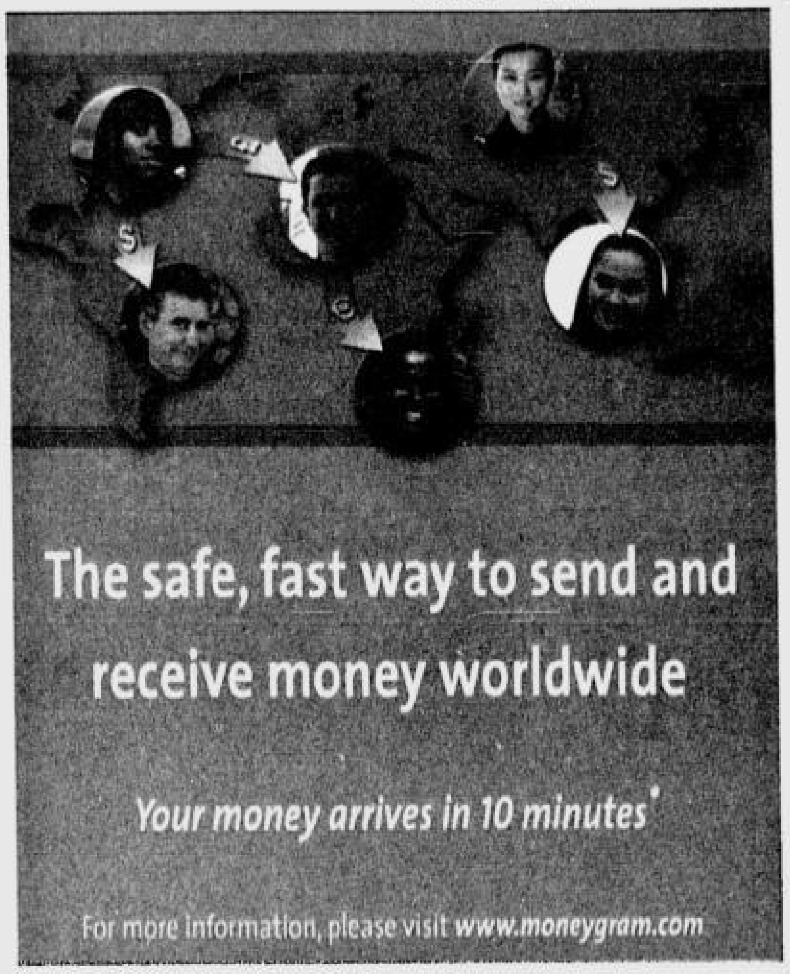
Quarters: 26-25; 43-42; 68-62; 92-80

Second Game

STA. LUCIA REALTY 79—Williams 16, Espino 16, Omolon 14, Reyes 12, Aquino 6, Mendoza 6, Yeo 5, Miranda 4, Mamaclay 0, Coronel 0, Daa 0, Gonzales 0.

GINEBRA 78—Helterbrand 19, Menk 14, Salvacion 12, Artadi 9, Mamaril 9, Tubid 7, Caguioa 6, Reavis 2, Macapagal 0, Santos 0.

Quarters: 24-16, 35-33, 51-59, 79-78


The safe, fast way to send and receive money worldwide
Your money arrives in 10 minutes*
For more information, please visit www.moneygram.com

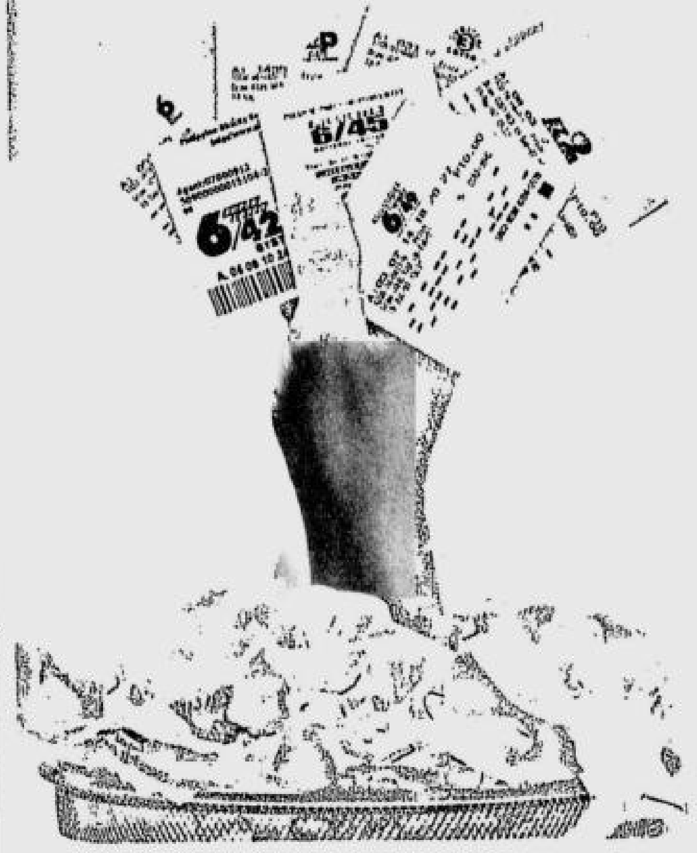
MoneyGram authorized agent in the Philippines:
SHOPWISE
ANTIPOLO • ARANETA CENTER • MAKATI • MANILA

MoneyGram
International Money Transfer

* Subject to agent hours of operation and local regulations.
TM & © 2007 MoneyGram. All rights reserved

Dahil sa bagong
PCSO Lotto 2nd Chance Panalo

Wag itapon ang inyong mga LOTTO tickets!



Pwedeng gamitin ang inyong Superlotto 6/49, Megalotto 6/45, Lotto 6/42, 6/45, Lotto 6/42, 6-Digit, 4-Digit, Suertres and EZ2 tickets para manalo ng P100,000 linggo-linggo!

Ang daling sumali!

1. Text LOTTO <ticket # found in your lotto ticket> to 7276

LOTTO
56C2-8C88-8204-5539

All tickets bought from Monday to Sunday should be sent in by Sunday 11:59pm to qualify

2. You will receive the reply below. Save message and present if you win.

07:07:07< 13:37:00
Natanggap ng Lotto 2nd Chance Panalo ang entry mo <56C2-8C88-8204-5538>. Meron kang 1 entry <reference#>.

Simple lang, dito mahahanap ang lotto ticket number.

FOR LUZON TICKETS
itext in ang 16-digits alphanumeric lotto ticket number
Ex. LOTTO 56C2-8C88-8204-5539

FOR VIS/MIN TICKETS V1
itext in ang last 15-digits ng 35-digit numeric lotto ticket number
Ex. LOTTO 23149 93553 62365

FOR VIS/MINTICKET V2
itext in ang 15-digits numeric lotto ticket number
Ex. LOTTO 300000000015104-2

Marami pang papremyong ipamimigay!
P50,000 weekly! P60 Smart Load daily! Kaya sali na!

Prizes	# of Luzon winners	# of Vis/Min winners
P100,000	2	1
P50,000	4	2
P60	60	40

MECHANICS:
1. Service is available to all Smart and Talk N'Text Subscribers, 18 years old and above
2. For Luzon Subscribers:
   A. Text LOTTO, followed by the 16-digit lotto ticket number and send to 7276 Ex. LOTTO A6C0-1600-9038-2513
   B. Confirmation message with reference number will be sent to your phone MM:DD:YY< hh:mm:ss. Natanggap ng Lotto 2nd Chance Panalo ang entry mo <16-digit ticket#>. Meron kang 1 entry <reference#>. Ang draw date nito ay sa <mm/dd/yy>. Ipakita ang orihinal na ticket sa pag claim ng prize. 18 years old pataas lang ang pwedeng sumali
   C. Save the confirmation message, reference number, and lotto ticket
   D. Draws will be announced on leading newspapers.
3. For Visayas and Mindanao Subscribers:
   A. Text LOTTO, followed by the 15-digit lotto ticket number and send to 7276 15-digit lotto ticket is the last 15 numbers in the 35 digit ticket number. Ex. LOTTO 36890000017408-5
   B. Confirmation message with reference number will be sent to your phone MM:DD:YY< hh:mm:ss. Natanggap ng Lotto 2nd Chance Panalo ang entry mo <15-digit ticket#>. Meron kang 1 entry <reference#>. Ang draw date nito ay sa <mm/dd/yy>. Ipakita ang orihinal na ticket sa pag claim ng prize. 18 years old pataas lang ang pwedeng sumali
   C. Save the confirmation message, reference number, and lotto ticket
   D. Draws will be announced on leading newspapers
4. Weekly validity period is from 12:00am Monday to 11:59pm Sunday. All tickets bought from Monday to Sunday should be sent in by Sunday 11:59pm to qualify. P2.50 per entry.
5. Prizes above P10,000 subject to government tax.

Powered by WolfPac Mobile
In coordination with Smart and Talk 'N Text
PACIFIC ONLINE SYSTEMS CORPORATION
PGMC
PCSO Walang kupas

NEW LOWER Year-round Fares

SEAT SALE

P1 Cebu to Bacolod or Butuan
Manila to Laoag
Sale & Travel Period: Ongoing until February 29, 2008
Promo is non-refundable.

P999 Cebu to Bangkok NEW!
Sale Period: December 5 - 10, 2007
Travel Period: April 6 - June 30, 2008
Promo is non-refundable.

INTERNATIONAL

P999 Guangzhou
Taipei*
Xiamen

P1,499 Bangkok
Hong Kong*
Kuala Lumpur
Macau

P1,999 Jakarta
Shanghai
Singapore*

All direct flights to/ from Manila
* Also with direct flights to/ from Cebu or Davao

DOMESTIC

P98 Cebu to Iloilo
Manila to Legaspi

P288 Cebu to Cagayan de Oro • Clark • Davao • Kalibo
Puerto Princesa • Zamboanga
Davao to Iloilo NEW!
Davao to Cebu or Zamboanga
Manila to Bacolod • Cebu • Dumaguete • Iloilo
Kalibo • Puerto Princesa • Roxas • Tacloban • Tagbilaran

P688 Manila to Boracay (Caticlan) NEW! Starting Feb. 29, 2008
Cebu to Boracay (Caticlan) NEW! Starting Mar. 28, 2008
Manila to Butuan • Cagayan de Oro • Cotabato
Davao • Dipolog • General Santos • Zamboanga

CEBU PACIFIC IS THE NO. 1 DOMESTIC AIRLINE!
MOST DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS • MOST DOMESTIC FLIGHTS • MOST DOMESTIC ROUTES • NEWEST PLANES
MOST DOMESTIC PASSENGERS FLOWN • LOWEST YEAR-ROUND FARES

Domestic fuel and insurance surcharges range from PHP 900 to PHP 1,450.
International fuel and insurance surcharges range from USD 30 to USD 44.
CEBUPACIFICAIR.COM
Call (02) 70-20-888 or visit the travel agent nearest you.
One way fare/vice versa • Limited seats • Fares may not be available on all dates and flights • Fares are exclusive of applicable fees, taxes and surcharges • Fares and surcharges are subject to change without prior notice

CEBU PACIFIC
It's time everyone flies

A plus METRO

Website: www.inquirer.net/metro
Editor Ester G. Dipasupil
Text us your feedback: inquirer met name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) E-mail: pr_metro@inquirer.com.ph

Oil spill's spread to Laguna Lake feared

By DJ Yap

AN OIL SPILL IN A CREEK IN Muntinlupa City, the second to occur in the city in three weeks, threatened to spread to the Laguna Lake yesterday, prompting city officials to try to contain and absorb the oil.

The volume of the spilled black oil, which was thick, foul-smelling and appeared to be bunker oil, was not immediately known but officials said it could fill 10 drums.

Members of the city's Lake Management Office quickly put in place several boom spills, a foam-like device used to absorb oil, in an attempt to contain its spread in a creek at the Villa Carolina I Subdivision in Barangay Tunasan.

Residents reported the spill at about 9 a.m., said Tomas Landrito, chief of the LMO.

He said water from the creek flows into the Tunasan-San Pedro boundary river and the Tunasan-Cuyab river, which ends up at Laguna de Bay.

Landrito said his office would investigate the source of the spilled oil, adding that it was possible that it leaked from one of the factories in the neighboring town of San Pedro, Laguna.

He said their main concern at the moment was to ensure that the oil would not reach and pollute Laguna Lake.

On Nov. 22, used oil was reportedly dumped in the Tunasan-Cuyab River which later spread to the Tunasan shoreline of Laguna Lake and resulted in a fish kill.

A team from the Laguna Lake Development Authority found that the used oil came from a coffee plant in San Pedro, Laguna. The name of the company was withheld pending the completion of the final report.

POTHOLES BLAMED FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC IN CUBAO
From Dan Olivares, 65, Quezon City: "There are many deep potholes on P. Tuazon Boulevard from the corner of 15th Avenue to the front of Ali Mall in Cubao, Quezon City. Work on these obstructions that began months ago remain unfinished, causing traffic problems for motorists and commuters. Who is responsible for the delay? Give us a break!"

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

METRO Citizen's call

0918-8985566

Street lamps have no lights

LAGING madilim sa aming lugar kaya delikado kapag gabi na. May street lamp pero walang ilaw (It's always dark in our neighborhood especially at night. There are street lamps, but the lights don't work). Please help. Thank you.

ADOLFO FULLO, 47,
Old Antipolo Street, Tondo, Manila

Footbridge needed badly

WE ARE hoping that a footbridge will soon be built at the SM Fairview annex going to Robinson mall so that pedestrians can cross the street safely. I almost got hit by a car while crossing using the pedestrian lane. When it rains, it gets flooded in the area and one has to pay to cross a makeshift bridge.

JASMINE ABELLA-BAUTISTA, 37,
Camarin, Caloocan City

Nightmare on Ylaya Street

ATTENTION, Mayor Lim! What is happening to Ylaya Street in Divisoria? Vendors and their wares are already on the streets. There's no space for pedestrians! Please do something about it.

JENNY, 41, Manila

Four-lane street now two-lane roadway

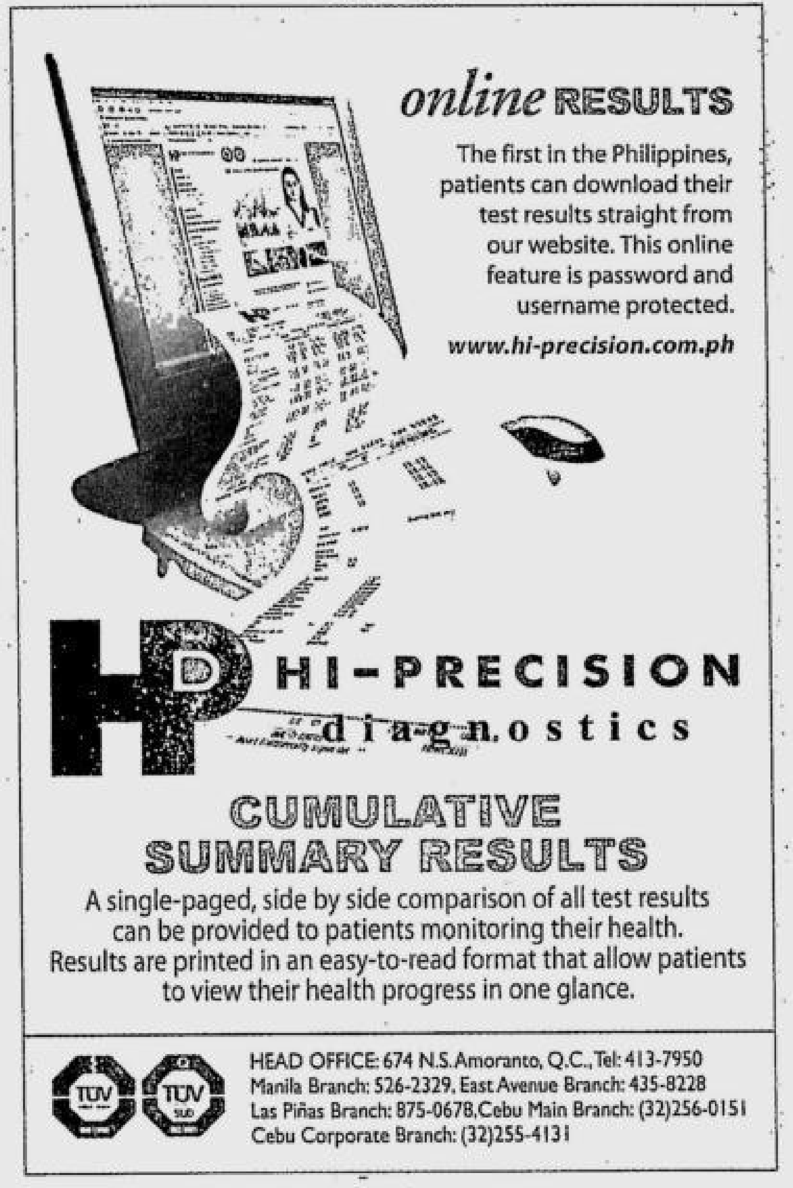
MAYOR Lim, please *naman! Matagal na kaming hirap na hirap sa sobrang trapik. Maraming naka-park na sasakyan on San Andres Street. Ang four lanes nagiging two lanes na lang* (Mayor Lim, we have long suffered because of the traffic problem in our area. There are a lot of vehicles parked on San Andres Street. The four lane street is now reduced to a two-lane thoroughfare).

NOEL SORIANO, 50,
South Superhighway, San Andres, Manila

Bridge used as home

PLEASE help us call the attention of authorities about the increasing number of informal settlers in the Tripa overpass at Protacio Extension. They use the bridge as an extension of their living quarters. Check it out and thank you very much.

REBECCA CRUZ, 60, Protacio Street, Pasay City



online RESULTS
The first in the Philippines, patients can download their test results straight from our website. This online feature is password and username protected.
www.hi-precision.com.ph
HI-PRECISION diagnostics
CUMULATIVE SUMMARY RESULTS
A single-paged, side by side comparison of all test results can be provided to patients monitoring their health. Results are printed in an easy-to-read format that allow patients to view their health progress in one glance.
HEAD OFFICE: 674 N.S.Amoranto, Q.C., Tel: 413-7950
Manila Branch: 526-2329, East Avenue Branch: 435-8228
Las Piñas Branch: 875-0678, Cebu Main Branch: (32)256-0151
Cebu Corporate Branch: (32)255-4131

Disappointed followers file complaint vs religious leader

By Allison W. Lopez

LURED BY THEIR LEADER'S PROMISE OF money, more than 600 members of a religious group went to the Quirino Grandstand at Rizal Park in Manila early morning yesterday.

The members of the Kingdom of Almighty God, some of whom had come all the way from Quezon province, began gathering in front of the grandstand at 3 a.m.

By noon, however, no money had been distributed and the hungry crowd started to disperse. Five of them later went to the police to file a complaint for estafa and attempted estafa against their leader, Salvador de Corazon, who was reportedly holed up inside the Manila Hotel.

PO2 Ronald Carlos of Manila Police District's General Assignments Section, said the five told him that they represented some 670 members of the religious group who by then had already gone back to their homes in Atimonan, Quezon; Payatas, Quezon City; Makati and Taguig cities.

According to the complainants, De Corazon had promised to distribute P100,000 worth of cash gifts to his members at the Quirino Grandstand.

The five also asked the police to go after their coordinators who had asked them to pay membership fees ranging from P100 to P500.

Thieves enter house, kill owner

By Jeannette I. Andrade

BONNET-WEARING MEN BELIEVED TO BE robbers stabbed to death a 51-year-old man inside his home before dawn yesterday in Caloocan City.

Reports from the Caloocan City police identified the victim as Lemuel Umali, a resident of 508 West Reparo Road in Barangay Bagong Barrio East.

He died at the Manila Central University hospital.

Ruby, the victim's wife, said the incident happened at around 3:30 a.m. yesterday.

She said she and her husband were sleeping in the bedroom when they were awakened by noise coming from the living room.

When Lemuel stepped out of their room to see what the cause of the noise was, he was met by two knife-wielding men wearing bonnets.

One of the masked men then repeatedly stabbed Lemuel in the body, causing Ruby to scream for help and the robbers to run out of the house.

Caloocan City policemen said they were conducting operations for the identification and arrest of the suspects.

DID YOU KNOW

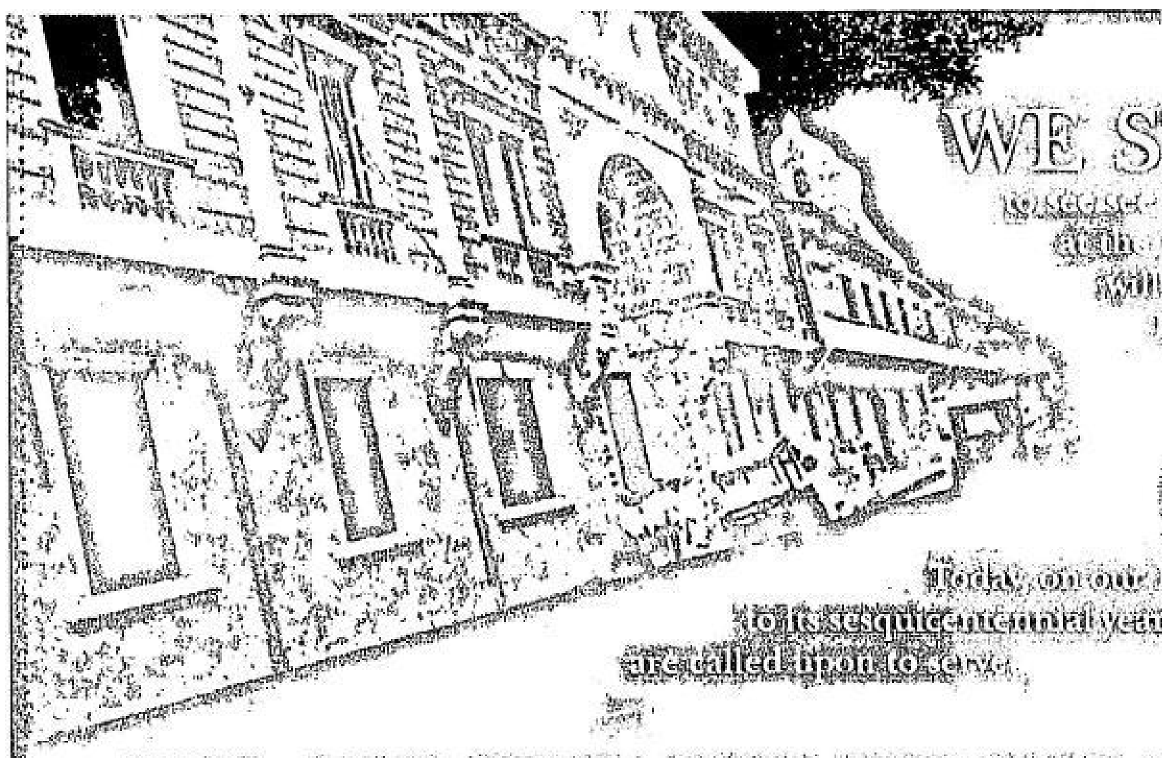
THE BEATLES performed at the Rizal Memorial Football Stadium in Manila on July 4, 1966. The band's 4 p.m. performance drew 30,000 spectators, while the 8:30 p.m. concert had 50,000 persons in the audience. Grandstand ringside tickets cost P30 each.

The British group performed less than a dozen songs after the performances of front acts that included Pilita Corrales and the Reycard Duet.

Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

LASER SHOT Canon Delighting You Always
TIME to Jumpstart Work Efficiency
LBP2900 & LBP3000
Php 7,950 Php 8,500
• 12 / 14 ppm A4 mono • 2400 dpi resolution • Jam-free operation • Ultracompact 370 x 251 x 217 mm
FREE Limited Edition Rudy Project Watch!
• Multifunctional Digital Watch
• Time & Date setting
• Alarm function
• Chronograph function
Get a Canon Laser Shot LBP2900 or LBP3000 laser printer and receive a FREE Limited Edition Rudy Project Watch! (valued at Php2,995)
Promo Period: October 31 to December 1, 2007
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3971 Series of 2007
CANONtechnologies
Engineered for the most demanding professionals & home offices, Canon Laser Shot printers reliably deliver unparalleled printing performance time & time again.
CAPT Canon Advanced Printing Technology
• Harness your PC's processing power for faster total printout time
ALL-IN-ONE TONER
• Minimize maintenance hassles & costs, with least consumables
ZERO WARM UP TIME
• No more no long waits, and up to 75% lower energy onsumption
Canon Marketing (Phils.) Head Office
Corporate Hotline: 884-9041 to 43, 884-9016 Corporate E-mail: cii-admin_corp@cspl.canon.com.sg Trunkline: 884-9000 Fax: 810-9797
Business be simple

PROMAC Midi Player
The perfect gift this Christmas!
www.promac.com.ph



WE STAND ON A HILL

knowing there is much to see from the heights. St. Ignatius of Loyola from the balcony of his quarters at the Gesù in Rome contemplated a vast expanse of sky and discerned the Will of God. From the elevated decks of the frigate Luisita, Padre José Fernández Cuevas and his nine black-robed companions surveyed the cool lights of the noble and ever-loyal city of Manila one April evening in 1859, not knowing that for five of them, their mission for the wilds of Mindanao would be redirected to the genteel hallways of the Escuela Municipal de Manila.

Today, on our 148th anniversary, as the Ateneo de Manila begins its three-year countdown to its sesquicentennial year, we continue to stand on a hill and view from its heights the world that we are called upon to serve.

WE CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE

because we know that we can serve others best only if we grow to our fullest potential. The Greeks call it *arete*; the Romans call it *virtus*. In whatever language it is named, it represents the best and the highest a human being can achieve.

In this spirit, the Ateneo de Manila has kept alive a tradition of *eloquentia*, which refers to the power to touch hearts and transform lives. Whether in Latin, Spanish, English, or Filipino, the Atenean speaks a world, and in speaking it, creates it.

The tradition of holistic education is rooted in *sapientia*, the ability to order things as a whole, a many-splendored totality where there is a place for everything and everything is in its place. Thus, in the almost 150 years of our history, Ateneans have constantly worked to scale ever greater heights in many fields of human endeavor. But whether in science or in the arts, in business or in the social sciences, in law or in public service, we remain mindful always that we must strive for excellence not for the sake of excellence alone, but so that we can use it *ad majorem Dei gloriam*.

[illegible]

Dulaang Sibol was founded by Onofre Pagsanghan in 1966. It earned its rightful place in the history of Philippine drama not only with adaptations like "Doon po sa Amin," "Sinta," and "Ibong Adarna" but also with original plays like "Ang Puting Timamanukin" and "Ang Paglilitis ni Mang Serapio."

DRAMA AND THEATER

The Men's Football team was UAAP Three-Peat Champion for 2003, 2004 and 2005. The Blue Booters have etched their name into the record books with the three-peat, and a perfect no-loss season

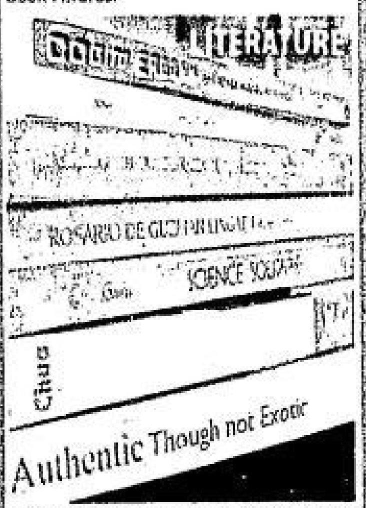
[illegible]

It has also gained recognition for its Philippine High School Debate Education Program, which seeks to promote discourse in the service of a vibrant democracy.

Ateneo's Metrobank Most Outstanding Teacher awardees.

[illegible]

Ateneo's rich literary tradition is rooted in its strong foundation in the Humanities. The University takes pride in its long list of prize-winning writers in prestigious competitions such as the Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards and National Book Awards.

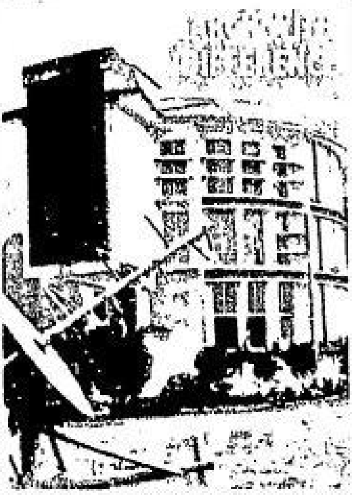


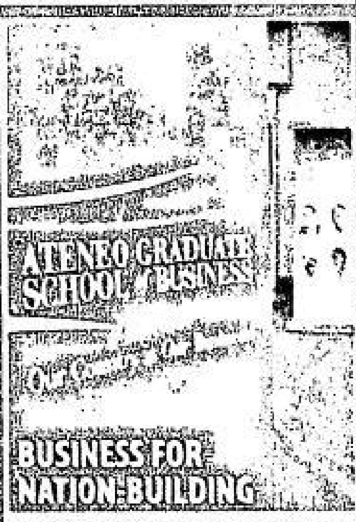
BENCHMARKING AGAINST THE BEST

The Grade 7 students took the International Primary School Leaving Examination (IPSLE) last August 2007. The PSLE is Singapore's demanding school-leaving examination used to measure achievement in English, Math and Science.

[illegible]

The Manila Observatory is a scientific research institution established by the Jesuits in 1865. Among those who were a part of this ground-breaking organization were Rizal's teachers, Father Francisco de Paula Sanchez and Father Federico Faura.




ATENEO GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
BUSINESS FOR NATION-BUILDING

The Ateneo Graduate School of Business is a 41-year-old institution of the Ateneo Professional Schools committed to the value proposition, "Our Country is Our Business".

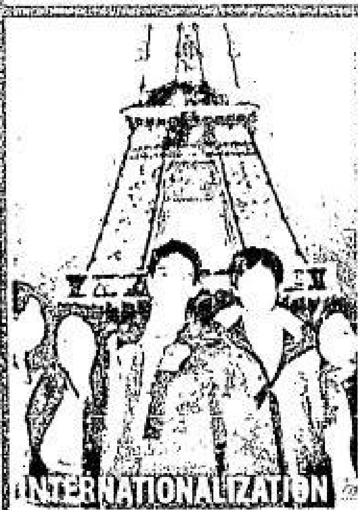
[illegible]

75 idealistic members of class 2012

The Ateneo College Glee Club representing the Florilège Vocal de Tours in the European Grand Prix 2001 held in Hungary. The Glee Club won the Grand Prix de la Ville de Tours in 2000, which gave them the right to compete with the champions from five other prestigious European choral competitions in Spain, Italy, Hungary and Bulgaria.

[illegible]

Based on the Statistical Data of the 2006 Bar Examinations of the Supreme Court, the Ateneo Law School has again achieved the highest passing percentage at 93.22% for first-time takers (89.36% in 2005), with overall passing percentage of 90.16% (87.33% in 2005). One hundred eighty-eight graduates of the Law School have topped the Philippine Bar Examinations since 1940.



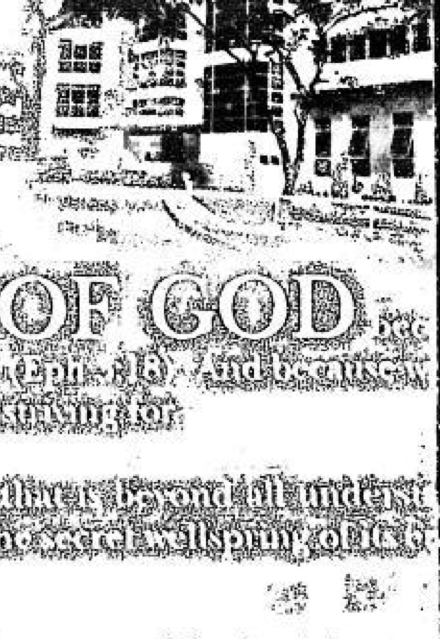
Students enjoying their Junior Term Abroad in France.

[illegible]

The John
Management
SOMBA p
university-bu
for its studen

CENTER OF EXCE

The Ateneo
of Excellen
Mathemat
Philosophy; E
Technolog
Administrat
addition, its
Science pro
CHED Cente



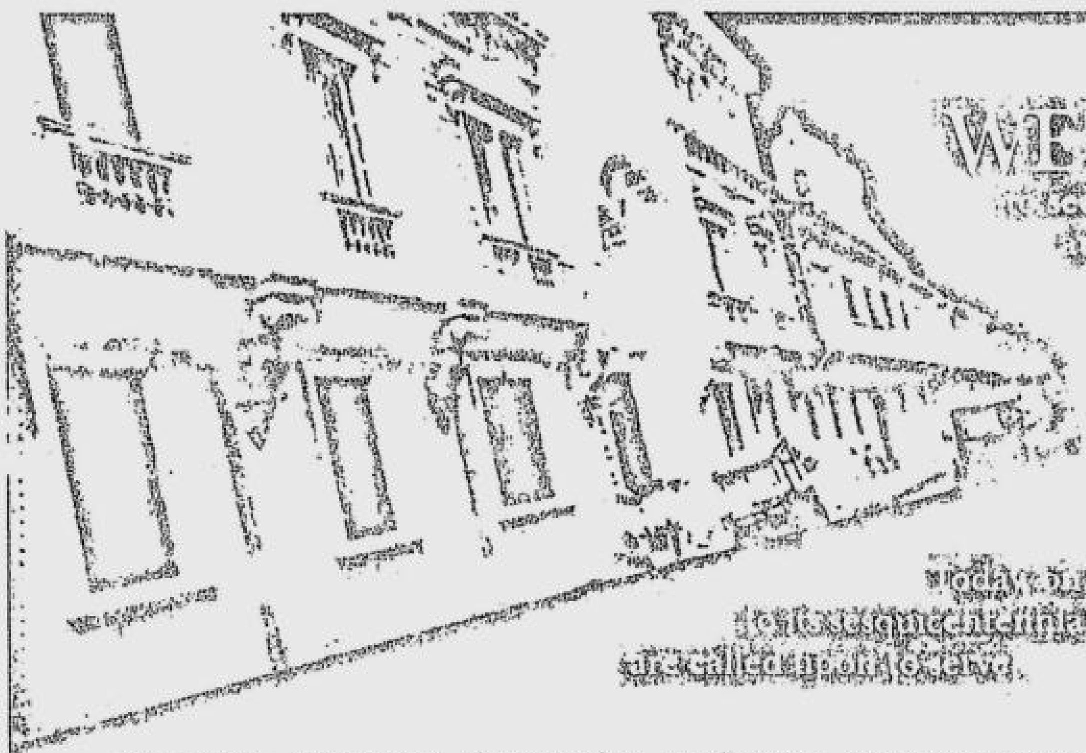
WE SEEK THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

bec wish to bear witness to "the breadth and length, the depth and height of the love of Christ" (Eph 3:18). And because w for nothing less than God's greater glory, nothing less than the highest excellence is worth striving for.

The real crown and glory of an Ateneo education is to understand "the love of Christ that is beyond all underst (Eph 3:19). It is this ultimate wisdom that defines the heart of Ateneo excellence and is the secret wellspring of its be action. It is a wisdom that dares to scale the heights because it is from above.

When the Ateneo's most outstanding alumnus, Jose Rizal, A.B. 1877, was being led from his prison cell in Fort Santiag place of execution in Bagumbayan Field, his gaze fell on some towers that rose above the city walls. He asked the Jesuit pri were with him, "Is that the Ateneo?" When told that it was, he added that he had spent seven memorable years there.

He would be proud to know that over a hundred years later, the towers of excellence still rise high "where the bright blue e



WE STAND ON A HILL

[illegible] Manila [illegible] April evening in 1859 [illegible] Ateneo Municipal de Manila.

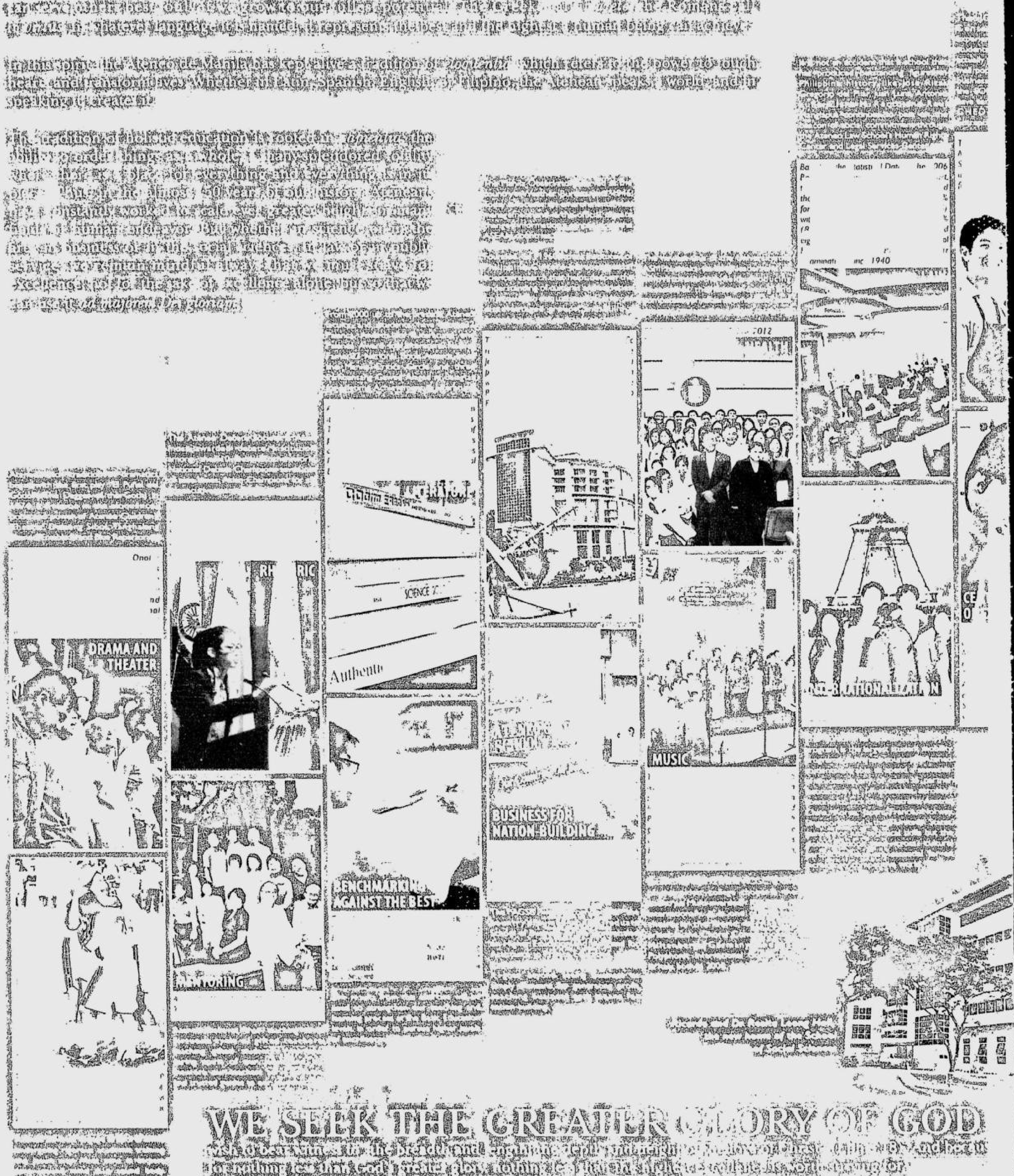
Today [illegible] are called upon to serve.

WE CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE

[illegible]

In this spirit the Ateneo de Manila has kept alive a tradition of *eloquentia* [illegible] Whether in Latin, Spanish, English or Filipino, the Ateneans [illegible] speaking to create it.

The tradition [illegible] *magis* [illegible] excellence [illegible] *ad majorem Dei gloriam*.


1940
2012
DRAMA AND THEATER
RHETORIC
SCIENCE
Authentic
BENCHMARKING AGAINST THE BEST
MENTORING
BUSINESS FOR NATION-BUILDING
MUSIC
INTERNATIONALIZATION

WE SEEK THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

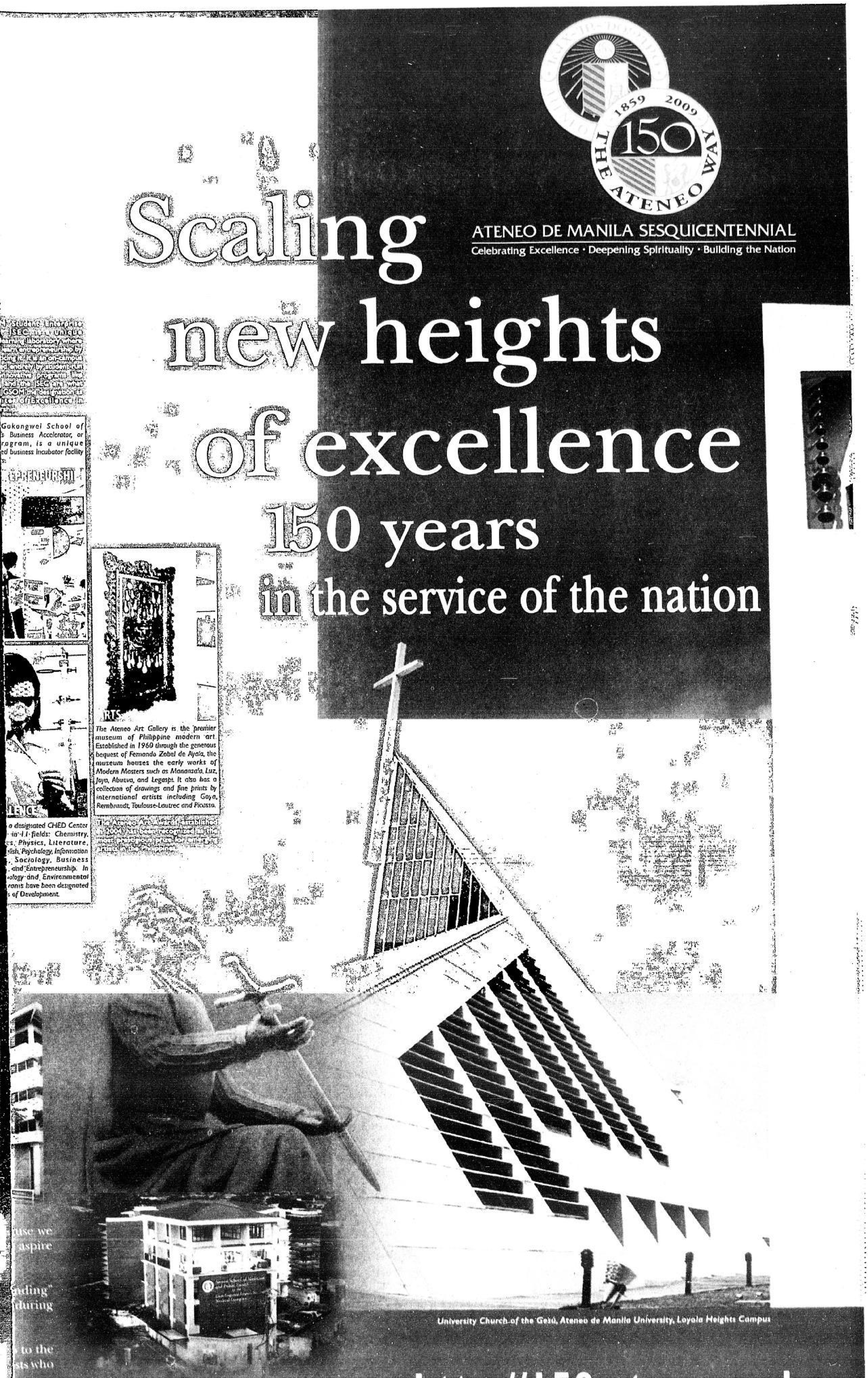
[illegible]

The real crown and glory of an Ateneo education is to understand the love of Christ that is beyond all knowledge (Eph 3:19). [illegible]

When the Ateneo's most outstanding alumnus, Jose Rizal [illegible] the Jesuits were with him [illegible]

He would be proud to know that over a hundred years later [illegible]

RETAKE OF PRECEDING FRAME


Scaling new heights of excellence

150 years in the service of the nation

1859 2009 150 THE ATENEO WAY

ATENEO DE MANILA SESQUICENTENNIAL

Celebrating Excellence · Deepening Spirituality · Building the Nation

Gokongwei School of
s Business Accelerator, or
rogram, is a unique
ed business incubator facility

The Ateneo Art Gallery is the premier museum of Philippine modern art. Established in 1960 through the generous bequest of Fernando Zobel de Ayala, the museum houses the early works of Modern Masters such as Manansala, Luz, Joya, Abueva, and Legaspi. It also has a collection of drawings and fine prints by international artists including Goya, Rembrandt, Toulouse-Lautrec and Picasso.

a designated CHED Center
in 11 fields: Chemistry,
cs, Physics, Literature,
glish, Psychology, Information
, Sociology, Business
, and Entrepreneurship. In
ology and Environmental
rams have been designated
s of Development.

use we
aspire

nding"
during

to the
sts who

gles fly."

University Church of the Gesù, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights Campus

Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health

http://150.ateneo.edu

THE ATENEO 1859 2009 150 AWA

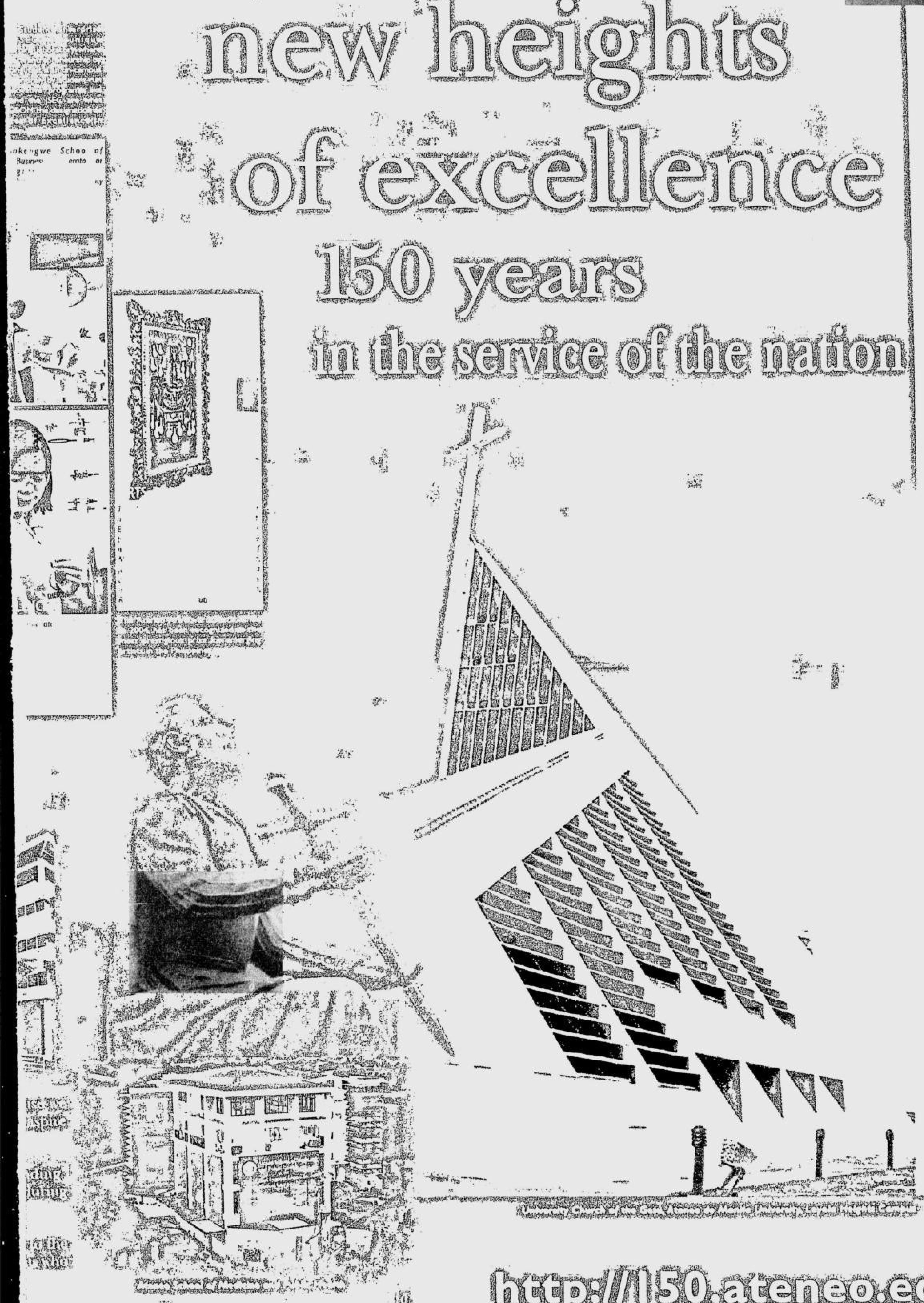
ATENEO DE MANILA SESQUICENTENNIAL

Celebrating Excellence • Deepening Spirituality • Building the Nation

Scaling new heights of excellence

150 years

in the service of the nation



University Church of the Gesù, Ateneo de Manila [illegible]

http://150.ateneo.edu

RETAKE OF PRECEDING FRAME

Probe of videotape destruction opens

WASHINGTON—THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT and the CIA's internal watchdog have announced a joint inquiry into the spy agency's destruction of videotaped interrogations of two suspected terrorists as the latest scandal to rock US intelligence gathered steam.

The review will determine whether a full investigation is warranted.

"I welcome this inquiry and the CIA will cooperate fully," CIA Director Mike Hayden said in a statement Saturday. "I welcome it as an opportunity to address questions that have arisen over the destruction back in 2005 of videotapes."

The House Intelligence Committee is launching its own inquiry next week. It will investigate not only why the tapes were destroyed and Congress was not notified, but also the interrogation methods that "if released, had the potential to do such grave damage to the United States of America," said Chair Rep. Silvestre Reyes on Saturday.

"This administration cannot be trusted to police itself," said Reyes, a Democrat.

The Senate Intelligence committee also is investigating.

Hayden told agency employees Thursday that the recordings were destroyed out of fear the tapes would leak and reveal the identities of interrogators. He said the sessions were videotaped to provide an added layer of legal protection for interrogators using new, harsh methods authorized by President George W. Bush as a way to break down the defenses of recalcitrant prisoners.

The CIA's acting general counsel, John Rizzo, is preserving all remaining records related to the videotapes and their destruction. Kenneth L. Wainstein, an assistant attorney general, asked that they be handed over along with any relevant internal reviews.

Justice Department officials, lawyers from the CIA general counsel's office and CIA Insp. Gen. John Helgerson will meet early this coming week to begin the preliminary inquiry, Wainstein wrote Rizzo on Saturday.

Helgerson has been highly critical in classified reports of the agency's treatment of detainees. In October, the CIA confirmed that a close Hayden aide was reviewing his work, raising concern in Congress that the independence of the office was under attack. *AP*

ERRATUM

The advertisement on Revenue Regulations No. 13-2007 issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue which was published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer on December 7, 2007 should have included the following in Section 4:

		LUZON	VISAYAS	MINDANAO
d.	Softwood Species except Igem	715.00/cm	715.00/ cm	715.00/cm
g.	Furniture/Construction Hardwood	950.00/cm	950.00/ cm	950.00/cm

Sorry for the inadvertence

Ceilo del Barrio ng Caloocan
November 16 Winner

SA RESIBO NA ₱5,000 LANG

NANALO NG

₱1,000,000!

PREMYO SA RESIBO

LINGGO-LINGGO, BAGONG MILYONARYO.
TEXT NA!

SANGKATUTAK NA
ang naging milyonaryo sa
PREMYO SA RESIBO! I-text lang ang
detalye ng resibo at baka ikaw na ang
susunod na PSR MILYONARYO -- Text Na!

For inquiries: (02) 338-9777 / www.premyosaresibo.com.ph

1

Siguraduhing kunin ang resibo sa kahit anong transaksyon.

2

Itext ang mga sumusunod:

PSR<space>TIN ng resibo<*>O.R. number<*>halaga ng resibo.

Wag isama ang sentimo.
EXAMPLE:
PSR 008003071035 *49724*100

3

I-text sa 9777 para sa single raffle entry(minimum na resibo ay P100) at sa 9778 para sa multiple raffle entries (P350 pataas). P1.50 bawat entry. Tatanggap ka ng acknowledgment text message.

4

Panoorin ang weekly draw sa ABC 5 tuwing Biyernes, 11PM. Makikita din ang resulta sa mga dyaryo. Baka ikaw na ang susunod na Premyo Sa Resibo MILYONARYO!

WINNING ENTRY
DECEMBER 7 DRAW
000092873217

NEXT DRAW
DECEMBER 14
QUALIFIED RECEIPTS
Oct. 1 - Dec. 13, 2007

STOP TAX EVASION ASK FOR RECEIPT

CATCH PREMYO SA RESIBO ON
One Morning!
Mondays, 7:20 AM
NBN 4, RPN 9 & IBC 13

Powered by philweb

LOCAL residents and soldiers try to remove dense crude oil at the Mallipo beach, west of Seoul, South Korea on Sunday, Dec. 9. AP

Oil spill blackens S. Korea's west coast

TAEAN—SOUTH KOREA DEPLOYED MORE than 100 ships and thousands of troops on Sunday to clean up the worst oil spill in its history, which has blackened beaches, coated birds in tar and cast a foul smell over a nature reserve.

The slick has washed up in an area spanning 17 kilometers of the west coast, about 100 km southwest of Seoul, that is home to popular tourist beaches, a national park and oyster beds. The spill is threatening to become a major environmental disaster.

The slick extends about 20 km from the Hong Kong-registered tanker that began leaking an estimated 10,500 tons of crude oil on Friday, after a barge carrying a crane punched holes in its hull while it was anchored, the coast guard said.

The leak was patched early on Sunday, it said.

"We have approximately 5,600 people who have been working from 5 a.m. Sunday … doing all we can to prevent the situation from growing worse," said Ryu Hung of the Taean coast guard.

"Considering the tide, direction and velocity of the wind, the oil slick is not expected to expand further for now." It will likely take more than one month to clean up the mess, maritime minister Kang Moo-hyun told reporters.

Volunteers and government personnel have been scooping oil with buckets and absorbent cloth, treating birds covered in oil and scrubbing blackened rocks. Large numbers of fish and waterfowl have been killed.

Ships deploying containment fences and oil skimmers have been trying to lessen the spill's impact. The largest slick was spreading in Mallipo Bay, a maritime ministry official said.

"The oil is about 10 cm deep at Mallipo beach and we can't even see the sand underneath. There isn't even a single seagull nearby. They must have fled after the spill," said Lee Hee-yeol, a top village official in the region.

The government has declared several coastal counties to be in a disaster situation.

The leak is about a third the size of Alaska's 1989 Exxon Valdez crude oil spill, the costliest on record.

The clean-up alone from that disaster cost around $2.5 billion. The total costs, including fines and settlement of claims, were an estimated $9.5 billion. *Reuters*

WORLDBRIEFS

5 dead in Malaysian floods

KUALA LUMPUR—The death toll from Malaysian floods has risen to five, reports said Sunday as forecasters warned of more torrential monsoon rains across large parts of the country. In Kelantan state in the north, four people were killed in separate incidents including two young children and two teenagers who were swept into swollen rivers, the New Straits Times newspaper said. State news agency Bernama also reported the drowning of a 15-year-old boy in central Pahang state who had been fishing with friends in floodwaters. *AFP*

Blasts hit fireworks factory

SYDNEY—Explosions ripped through a fireworks factory in eastern Australia, damaging or destroying 50 buildings and throwing New Year's Eve fireworks displays in three state capitals in doubt, officials said Sunday. At least 10 homes in Wallerawang, 160 km north of Sydney, were temporarily evacuated and emergency services kept their distance as blasts continued and fire spread through the factory, said Rebel Talbert, a spokesperson for New South Wales state Rural Fire Service. People reported hearing the explosions 30 km away, she said. *AP*

Iran protests US report

TEHRAN—Iran has sent a formal protest note to Washington for "spying" on Iran's nuclear activities, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said in the wake of the latest US report on the alleged Iranian weapons program. Mottaki said Saturday that the American report earlier this week concluding that Tehran halted atomic weapons development in 2003 and hasn't resumed it since indicated US intelligence agencies based their findings on "satellite and espionage activities," according to the official IRNA news agency. IRNA said the note was handed over to the Swiss Embassy in Tehran. *AP*

Suicide bomber kills 7 in Iraq

BAGHDAD—A suicide bomber driving an explosives-laden truck filled with sand struck a police station north of Baghdad on Saturday, the latest in a week of bombings that have killed nearly 80 people. *AP*

'Dead' Briton charged with fraud

LONDON—"BACK-FROM-THE-dead" Briton John Darwin was charged with fraud on Saturday, police said, a week after he resurfaced claiming amnesia after vanishing five years ago.

Cleveland Police in Kirkleatham, north-east England, where the 57-year-old has been questioned, made the decision hours before a deadline for them to either charge or release the man whose case has sparked worldwide interest.

His wife Anne Darwin, 55, said she went along with his faked death to escape huge debts, and lived with him in secret for years, in a confession carried in two British newspapers.

Prosecutors authorized detectives to charge John Darwin with "offenses of obtaining a money transfer by deception and making an untrue statement … to procure a passport," Cleveland Police Detective Sergeant Iain Henderson told reporters.

Darwin was "fit and well" in custody and police would apply to court to continue to hold him, he said. *AFP*

WHAT'S INSIDE

Mayweather retains WBC belt/A33

SPORTS

Website: www.inquirer.net/sports

Editor **Teddyvic S. Melendres** *Assistant Editor* **Francis T. J. Ochoa**

Text us your feedback: inquirer sprt name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) **E-mail:** pr_sports@inquirer.com.ph

Agad-agad! Puwedeng hulugan ng up to 6 months pa! Direct Link car insurance Simpleng Kausap!
CALL 88-725-88
Cebu Office: (032)234-0808 Toll Free 1-800-1888-LINK(5465)

RP men raze foes, women fall

GAMES WEDNESDAY (Keelapirom Stadium)
1 p.m.—Philippines vs Malaysia (W)
5 p.m.—Philippines vs Malaysia (M)

By Musong R. Castillo

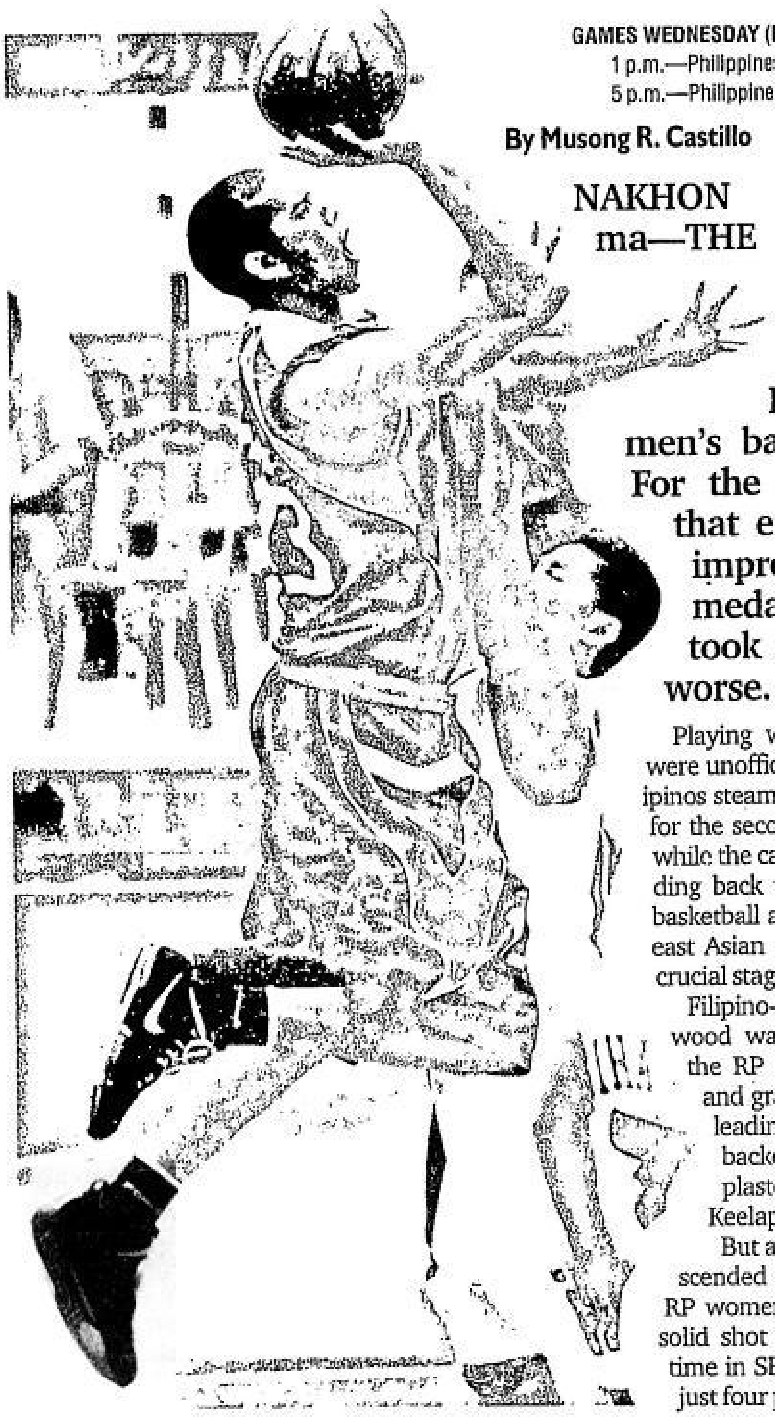
NAKHON RATCHASIMA—THE march back to the throne has been all but sealed for the Philippines' men's basketball squad. For the women's team that embarked on an improbable gold medal dream, things took a turn for the worse.

Playing what their coaches said were unofficial title matches, the Filipinos steamrolled over an opponent for the second straight day Sunday, while the cagebelles were sent thudding back to earth by Thailand as basketball action in the 24th Southeast Asian Games entered its most crucial stages.

Filipino-American Gabe Norwood was again scintillating for the RP five, shooting 19 points and grabbing eight rebounds in leading the Harbour Centre-backed Nationals to a 75-49 plastering of Indonesia at the Keelapirom Stadium here.

But a pall of gloom quickly descended on the venue when the RP women, armed with their first solid shot at the gold for the first time in SEAG history, were held to just four points in the third quarter in an ugly 70-54 loss to the hosts.

RP MEN/ A30



GABE Norwood powers to the basket in Sunday's game against the Indonesians. RAFFY LERMA

Amit snatches 9-ball gold from the jaws of defeat /A31

24th SEA GAMES
6 - 15 DECEMBER 2007
NAKHON RATCHASIMA
THAILAND

PING® GOLF CLUB FITTING

For inquiries, please call 842-9099 (Mon-Fri) or visit a
PING AUTHORIZED FITTING CENTER

Southpoint Driving Range
Filinvest Corp. City,
Alabang, Muntinlupa City

CityGolf Driving Range
Doña Julia Vargas Ave.,
Pasig City

Makati Golf Club
Malugay St., Brgy. Bel Air, Makati City

LOGCOM Driving Range
Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City

'Tis the season to start a business.

ALABANG TO MAKATI

Own a Nissan Urvan for just 168k DOWNPAYMENT!* or 999k for CASH buyers!

+ALL IN FREE
1 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE
Chattel Mortgage Fee
3-year LTO Registration
Tint, Floormats & Seat Covers

UR VAN UR BUSINESS
INTERESTED?
Text your name, address & tel. # to
0917-83URVAN

NISSAN

CAR & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, INC. Tel. Nos. 810-0151 to 55 • 893-9222
MANTRADE DEVELOPMENT CORP. Tel. Nos. 843-3316 to 23 • 812-7752 • 812-7701
NISSAN MANILA Tel. Nos. 252-3566 • 251-9056 • 251-9060 to 63
NISSAN UN AVE. MANILA Tel. Nos. 400-1020 • 400-2177 • 522-4553 • 306-0153
NISSAN SHAW CENTER Tel. Nos. 722-7876 • 726-2550
NISSAN WESTGATE ALABANG Tel. Nos. 772-1826 to 30 • 775-0239
NISSAN SOUTHWOODS Tel. Nos. 699-2400 to 02 • 843-1804
NISSAN NORTH EDSA Tel. Nos. 455-8980 • 330-5331 to 50
NISSAN GALLERY ORTIGAS Tel. Nos. 633-2545 • 635-5888 • 438-4267
NISSAN GALLERY QUEZON AVE. Tel. Nos. 742-4145 • 731-5308 • 711-7460
NISSAN COMMONWEALTH, INC. Tel. Nos. 932-0428 • 932-4001
NISSAN PANGASINAN Tel. Nos. (075) 522-8891 to 92 • 517-5085
NISSAN PAMPANGA Tel. Nos. (045) 961-5461 to 62
NISSAN NAGA Tel. Nos. (054) 472-3577 to 79
S & J MOTORS, INC. Tel. Nos. (033) 320-4051 to 54
ROYCE MOTOR CENTER, INC.
CABANATUAN Tel. Nos. (044) 600-2112 • 463-3358
PAMPANGA Tel. Nos. (045) 961-7773 • 961-7774
SANTIAGO Tel. Nos. (078) 682-8701 • 682-6707
TUGUEGARAO Tel. Nos. (078) 844-2523 • 846-2523
ILOILO CAR CORPORATION Tel. Nos. (033) 320-2248 • 320-2064
NISSAN BACOLOD Tel. Nos. (034) 435-1102 • 434-8051
NISSAN CEBU DISTRIBUTORS, INC. Tel. Nos. (032) 346-0350 • 346-0541
NISSAN CAGAYAN DE ORO DISTRIBUTORS, INC. Tel. Nos. (08822) 732-672 • 733-444

Mamiit zaps Malaysian singles foe

By Musong R. Castillo

NAKHON RATCHASIMA—A day after the men's squad came up short and settled for the bronze, Cecil Mamiit made sure that everyone saw he was still in top form.

The 32-year-old Fil-Am tore Malaysian Razlan Rawi apart, 6-1, 6-1, on Sunday at the start of men's singles at the 24th SEA Games at His Majesty the King's 80th Birth Anniversary hardcourts here.

He needed just 18 minutes to wrap up the first set and signal his readiness to avenge his defeat to Danai Udomchoke of Thailand, which ruled the team event.

Eric Taino will get first crack at the world No. 155 Udomchoke in the quarterfinals if he beats Vietnam's Mihn Quan Do on Monday.

Next up for Mamiit is Vietnam's Quang Huy Ngo, who rallied past Laotian Vivongsay Vongsouthi, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

75° that's how hot your dashboard can get at noon
Making it the main source of heat inside your car!
Cut the heat with
DASHIELD
Multi-layered dashboard cover with UV inhibitors
• 90% heat reduction on dashboard • guaranteed elegant & effective
• maximizes aircon efficiency • available for most car & van models
1013 EDSA (near Veterans Vill. entrance), Quezon City
Tel. nos. 372-3640 • 372-2464 • 374-3636
PATENTED

BRIDGESTONE PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE

GET A GRIP, GET A GIFT!

Get a grip on these cool Bridgestone gears! Every purchase of two (2) passenger or light truck radials gets you a free exclusive Bridgestone podium cap, and every purchase of four (4) passenger or light truck radials gets you a free Bridgestone shirt-jacket.

So why wait? Go to your nearest Bridgestone dealer and get your gear on! This offer runs from November 15 to December 31, 2007.

Exclusive Distributor: BRIDGESTONE
Philippine Allied Enterprises Corporation
2260 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City
Tel. Nos.: 812-2540 to 47 Fax No.: 816-7045

Available at Bridgestone Tire Center

Bridgestone Tire Center Global City
32nd St. cor. 4th Ave., E-Square IT Park
Bonifacio Global City
Telefax: 815-8888

Bridgestone Tire Center Sta. Rosa
LPHI Sta. Rosa Tagaytay Road
Bgy. Don Jose, Sta. Rosa City
Telefax: (049) 541-0000

Also available at the following Bridgestone tire centers

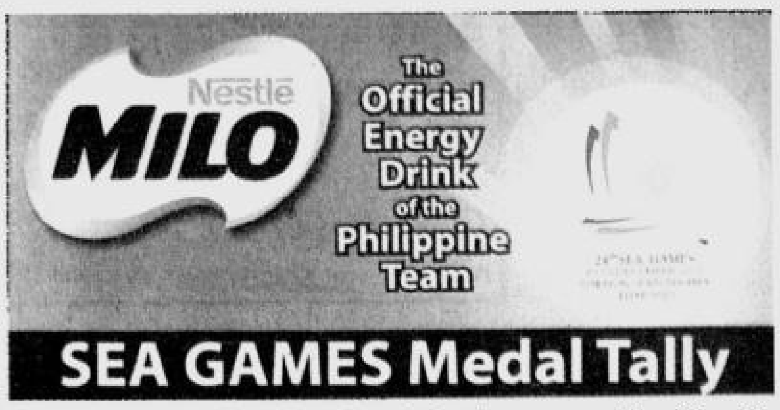
METRO MANILA
Auto Active Trading Corp.
B-74, Lot 2, Don Mariano Marcos Ave., North Fairview, Q.C Tel. • No. 930-0702
Automall Phils. Corp.
2290 Pasong Tamo Extension Makati City Tel • No. 892-6757
FB Ladao Sales
73 Timog Ave., Q.C Tel. No. 921-6927
Rohust Trading & Auto Car Care Center
15 Shaw Blvd., Brgy. San Antonio Pasig City • Tel. No. 635-3543

LUZON
AQCD System Mktg Corp.
Lot 1D, Molino Road, Georgetown Heights Molino 4, Bacoor, Cavite • Tel. No. (046) 872-4306
Balzain Auto Parts
Balzain, Tuguegarao, Isabela Tel. No. (078) 844-2428
GNS Tire & Service Center
006 Lucao District, Dagupan City Tel. No. (075) 523-0138
Millenium Tire Venture
Olongapo-Gapan Road, Villa Barosa, Dolores, San Fernando, Pampanga • Tel. No. (045) 963-7458

VISAYAS
Speedmaster Marketing Inc.
D. Jakosalem St., Cebu City Tel. No. (032) 254-6917
Tri-J Marketing Inc & Tire Supply
390 Cebu South Road, Basac, San Nicolas Cebu City • Tel. No. (032) 261-9769
Tire Avenue
Lilia Ave., Cogon, Ormoc Tel. No. (053) 255-3021

MINDANAO
Harry's Performance Center
Villa Abrille cor. Guerrero St. Davao City • Tel. No. (082) 221-2885
Power Up Sales Service
National Highway, Apokon, Tagum City Davao del Norte • Tel. No. (084) 400-2322

Unleash the road warrior in you.
Tyson
Mark
Power up with 95 RON XCS
PETRON
The only gasoline powered by premium organic combustion enhancers for a cleaner burn and unrelenting power wherever you go.


Nestlé
MILO
The Official Energy Drink of the Philippine Team

SEA GAMES Medal Tally

COUNTRY	G	S	B
Thailand	65	58	40
Vietnam	28	13	39
Singapore	23	19	14
Philippines	16	25	43
Malaysia	15	13	29
Indonesia	13	20	22
Myanmar	2	10	12
Laos	2	0	9
Cambodia	1	2	5
Brunei	0	1	0
Timor Leste	0	0	0

Long course suits golfers just fine

By Musong R. Castillo

BONANZA RANCH KHAOYAI—A PHILIPPINE men's squad that said it likes the course opens defense of its title Monday as golf action in the 24th Southeast Asian Games tees off at the 7,483-yard, par-72 Bonanza Golf and Country Club here.

"It's just a long course, but it can turn out to be a friendly one," Mark Fernando said in Filipino after the final practice round on Sunday at the layout that, in some aspects, could be as forgiving as the shortest courses back home.

"We can hit it (off the tees) as hard as we can, because the fairways are so wide," added Fernando, one of two National Caddies' Open products, along with Jonel Ababa, who are expected to play vital roles in the RP campaign.

Ababa, Ferdinand Aunzo and reigning RP Amateur champ Anthony Fernando are the other members of the all-rookie SEAG squad that will try to duplicate the feat of Juvic Pagunsan, Artemio Murakami and Jay Bayron at The Country Club in Laguna in 2005.

Mark carded a 70 and Aunzo a 69 Sunday, while Anthony was good for a 78 and Ababa a 79 in Sunday's practice.

The Bonanza course, located about 120 kilometers from the main stadium, is like a young Sta. Elena layout in Laguna, its fairways perfectly manicured and its greens sleek.

There is an abundance of ravines and water hazards but the absence of full-grown trees to punish errant drives could yield low scores.

"There's an even chance (at winning)," said non-playing captain Caloy Coscoluella when asked whether the favored Thais are beatable. "Even if they (Thais) are playing on their home soil, we know we can give them a good fight."

Thailand will be coming off a win in the Putra Cup, also held at The Country Club last week, nipping the RP team by only two shots.

RP sends 7 pugs to finals

Albania leads charge, but tough Thais stay unbeaten

By Recah Trinidad

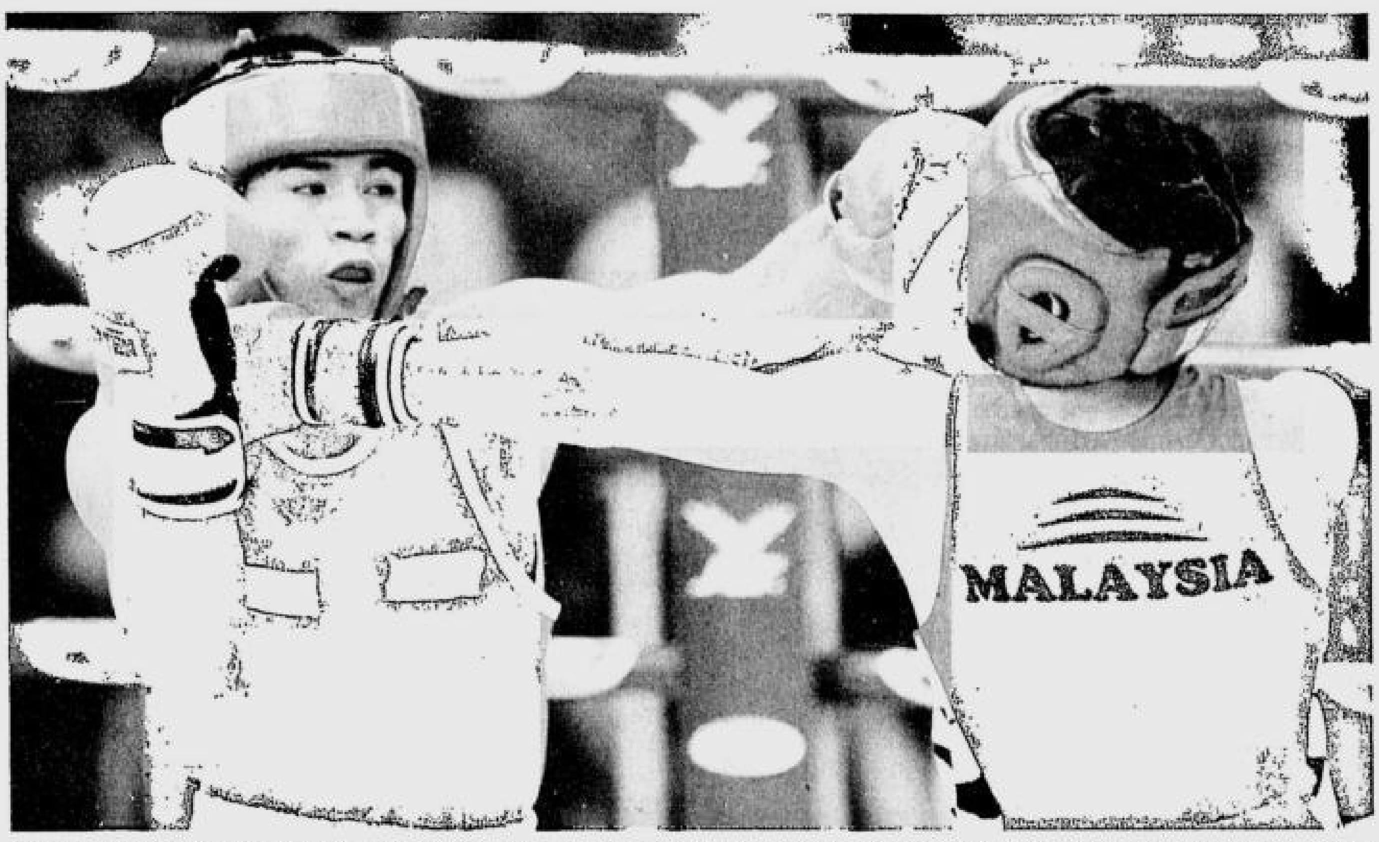
NAKHON RATCHASIMA—POLICEwoman Annie Albania, an Asian flyweight champion, led a six-strong RP charge Sunday into the final round where the Thailand team, which has yet to lose a single bout, awaits the Filipinos in its grim bid to regain the boxing championship it lost in Bacolod City two years ago.

Albania, pride of Baguio City, blazed her way to a second-round stoppage, (15-0, referee stopped contest-outscored), of Myanmar's Hnin El Swe, to fire off her six other teammates that lost only one man at the start of the two-day semifinals at the Mueanpug Municipal Stadium yesterday.

Despite submitting a 6-1 card following the lone defeat suffered by pinweight Bill Vicera yesterday, RP has formally pushed in a total of seven finalists that included featherweight Ronjan Sofla, who automatically moved into the gold-medal round by virtue of a bye.

Bantamweight Jouveliet Chilem, a gold medalist in Bacolod City two years ago, swamped Myanmar's Hninn Momo Naing, 12-0, for a sensational follow-up to Albania's opening win.

Flyweight Godfrey Castro outclassed Malaysian Mohammed Ali Abdul Karim, 20-0, featherweight Orlando Tacuyan Jr. beat Myanmar's Yan Nang Soe, 15-0, light-welterweight Larry Semillano blanked Indonesia's Erico Keygen Amanpuyo, 11-0, before middleweight Junie Tizon closed the victorious day for RP with a 14-8 win over Vietnam's Duc Trong Hua.



FLYWEIGHT Godfrey Castro (left) tags Malaysia's Karim Mohammad Ali Abdul with a left straight in their semifinal bout. AFP

"We are on target," said Amateur Boxing Assocaition president Manny Lopez, who opted to pull out his top fighters from the tournament here.

Lopez did not specify their goal but the task of retaining the boxing champion has loomed awesome for the Filipinos, who will have to face members of the strong and solid Thailand Team A, led by Athens Olympics light welter goild medalist Manus Boonjamnong in the finals.

Boonjamnong meets the comebacking Semillano while Castro faces the flashy Somjit Jongjohor, who is seeking his sixth straight SEA Games gold, in the closing round.

The remaining semifinal bouts for the 17-strong RP team, which has lost a total of three fighters, will be fought today.

There were only three boxers entered in the women's featherweight class and Sofla made it to the finals ahead of her teammates after drawing a bye during the opening draw.

RP men raze foes, but women fall

From page A29

That 16-point losing margin could very well tell on the RP ladies, who will still play Malaysia on Wednesday needing to win by a bigger margin while hoping that Thailand loses one of its last two matches to forge a tiebreak for the crown.

The elimination-round topnotcher in both divisions automatically wins the gold medal. As it currently stands, the RP women are minus 4 on quotient after two outings.

For a while, it looked like the RP women would carve a historic achievement in the biennial meet. The RP ladies took a 32-29 lead into the third period. There, however, they started coming apart, falling prey to errors and taking low-percentage shots against a Thai defense that wouldn't allow any other option.

Leading scorer Melissa Jacob had to sit out most of the period because of fouls.

Thailand took a 50-36 bubble after the third that was never threatened until the end.

"We expected it to be the championship game, but Indonesia seemed to have played without any interest in winning the gold medal," said Baculi, who moved within two games of a sweep and an eighth title for the Philippines since 1991.

The scores:

Men's Game

PHILIPPINES 75—Norwood 19, Cruz 11, Fernandez 9, Salangsang 8, Alonzo 7, Chan 6, Vergara 5, Belga 4, Bautista 2, Castro 2, Rodriguez 2, Tan 0.

INDONESIA 49—Gunawan 10, Julius 9, Wuysang 8, Ekayana 6, Prihantono 6, Poedjakkesuma 4, Situmorang 3, Widayat 2, Isman 1, Sondakh 0, Cokorda 0, Tiara 0.

Quarters: 23-18, 46-24, 63-32, 75-49.

Women's Game

THAILAND 70—Yothanan 18, Tunsaw 13, Banmoo 12, Ludrodkil 9, Charoenrat 6, Pungkoksoong 5, Mathuros 4, Suksomwong 3, Chirdpercharat 0.

PHILIPPINES 54—Brick 18, Grajales 11, Valencia 7, Tioseco 6, Jacob 5, Tolentino 3, Matsuno 2, Narciza 2, Vega 0, Issa 0.

Quarters: 15-18, 29-32, 50-36, 70-54

Marathon bets fail to live up to hype, settle for bronzes

By Musong R. Castillo

NAKHON RATCHASIMA—Filipino marathoners failed to live up to hype on Sunday and settled for bronze medals, diminishing hopes the athletics contingent will meet its gold-medal target at the 24th Southeast Asian Games here.

Eduardo Buenavista clocked two hours, 27 minutes and 21 seconds for the punishing 42.195-kilometer grind around this bustling province, finishing almost four minutes behind Indonesian ace Yahuza Yahuza, who timed 2:23:46.

A GAMES medic attends to Filipino Eduardo Buenavista who injured his knee in yesterday's men's marathon. RAFFY LERMA

Jho Ann Banayag held the lead entering the final 5 km, a slightly uphill trek to the finish, before losing steam and checking in behind Thailand's Sunisa Sailomyen and Myanmar's Pa Pa.

Sailomyen breasted the tape in 2:43:33, way off the 12-year-old SEAG mark of 2:34:29 held by Indonesian Ruwiyati but enough to give Thailand its eighth gold in athletics.

"She (Sailomyen) was really strong, especially in the final five kilometers," Banayag said in Filipino.

Banayag's new RP record

Banayag consoled herself with a new RP record of 2:44:41, almost a minute faster than the old mark. It was also a great improvement from her fourth-placed clocking of 2:59:04 in the 2005 Manila SEAG.

The veteran Roy Vence arrived sixth in 2:35:57, while defending champion Christabel Martes, who gave birth earlier this year, was the only one not to finish in the compact 10-strong women's race.

Martes ruled the event in 2:47:07 in the Manila Games despite getting blisters just 5 km into the race.

The twin setbacks left the Philippines with only four events—men's javelin, long jump, 400 meters and the 10,000m—where Filipinos are expected to snare the gold, according to track and field officials.

Buenavista, who shifted to the marathon after a disgraceful disqualification in the 5,000m in Manila two years ago, offered no excuses and said he lost to superior runners.

Buenavista's bronze matched Allan Ballester's feat in the last SEAG, when he finished behind Thailand's Boonchoo Jandacha.

Third straight gold

Danilo Fresnedi will shoot for a third straight SEAG gold in the javelin throw on Monday while long jumper Henry Dagmil tries to complete a Filipino sweep of the event after Marestela Torres seized the women's gold on her final attempt on Saturday.

Julius Sermona, who narrowly lost the 5,000m gold on Friday to Boonthung Srisung of Thailand, is giving himself more than an even chance to bag the 10,000-meter title.

"I noticed that he (Srisung) lost a lot of ground in the last few laps of the 5,000," Sermona said in Filipino. "I know that I can hold my own in the longer 10,000."

The 10,000m will also be run on Monday and Srisung, who has a personal best of 30:40:47, is still the heavy favorite to win. The 29-year-old Sermona has a best of 32:14.

Athletics won a total of nine gold medals in Manila, which contributed heavily to the Philippines' maiden SEAG overall crown.

Sales Department
Marketing Department
Strategic Department
Finance Department
Public Relations Department
Research & Development Department
Logistics Department
Security Department

Learn how to effectively manage organizational change.

Successful Change Management Workshop
Managing Organizational Change
Facilitated by Dr. Agnes Sarthou, Ph.D.

December 18 - 19, 2007
9:00AM – 5:00PM
Legaspi Room, Intercontinental Manila

* Discover basic concepts and principles of managing organization change.
* Find out how to develop a "Change Intervention Plan" for your organization.
* Learn organizational methodologies & techniques to promote proactive planning change.

RAVE REVIEWS!
"Very productive two-day learning!"
- Maria Alma Nimfa Sayas Edan, Janssen Pharmaceutica

"The seminar provided a mix of professionals from different business backgrounds. Good learning environment!"
- Alvin B. Pascual, Smart Communications, Inc.

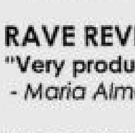
"This is my first time to attend this session. So far, everything discussed is new and has been very helpful!"
- Gregorio P. Catapang, North Luzon Command (NOLCOM)

AGNES "AGGIE" SARTHOU, PH.D.
Dr. Sarthou brings with her a wealth of corporate and training experience on disciplines of management, organization visioning, strategic planning as well as skills on leadership, communication, people handling and values.
For over twenty years of training and consultancy experience with dozens of multinational clients, she continues to receive encores in her training programs.

EVENT PARTNERS:
INQUIRER
PRODUCER AND ORGANIZER:
SALT & LIGHT VENTURES, INC.
Bringing out the BEST in you.

SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME WITH CHANGE!
Call Nicole at 813-2732/03 Email at nicole@saltandlight.ph
Visit our website at www.saltandlightventures.net
pdi12062007

LEARNING INVESTMENT:
Regular Rate = P 11,977 + 12% VAT



GOOD FOR BRONZE Filipino Janice Hung performs her routine in the taijiquan event of the wushu competition at the Kebkanjana Hall, Chanapolkhan Institute of Technology gymnasium in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. The Philippine squad also won two bronze medals in the sport courtesy of Rene Catalan in men's sanshou's under -52 kg division and Daniel Pakantac in men's taijiquan.
RAFFY LERMA

Amit snatches 9-ball pool gold from jaws of defeat

By Musong R. Castillo

NAKHON RATCHASIMA—RUBILEN AMIT snatched the second Philippine gold in billiards Sunday afternoon after climbing out of a deep hole against an angelic-looking Indonesian in the women's 9-ball finals at the 24th Southeast Asian Games.

The pocket-sized Amit rallied from a 2-5 deficit in the alternate-break title match to down Angeline Magdalena Ticoalu, 7-5, to match her victory in the same event in the 2005 Games and put away the Philippines' second title in as many days at the Sima Thani Hall here.

Amit, a double gold medalist two years ago counting her 8-ball triumph, pounced on a golden opportunity in the 12th rack after Ticoalu broke dry. She then won out in a splendid defensive battle to pocket the No. 8 and eventually clean up the table.

Ticoalu, who took out tournament No. 2 Suhana Dewi Sabtu, 7-5, in the quarterfinals, actually had a chance to win that frame after Amit left the green No. 6 in the mouth of the right corner pocket.

But the only chance the Indonesian had was to play a long one-cushion shot from the bottom rail after Amit's miss left the cue ball almost kissing the black 8.

Ticoalu did pocket the 6, but left herself no clear shot on the 8. She played a safety shot that backfired as she fouled and left the 8 in the Filipina's hand.

"It was a tough match and I enjoyed some breaks out there," Amit, who started playing the game as a 12-year-old in Cebu, said in Filipino. "She was good and I needed to be at my best to be able to get back and have a shot at winning in the end."

It was the Filipino pool players' second gold after Marlon Manalo and Antonio Gabica ruled the 9-ball doubles on Saturday at the expense of Singapore, 11-6.

Amit, the top seed who drew an opening-round bye, needed just three match wins to retain her gold medal.

She turned back Sri Wahyuni of Indonesia in the quarterfinals, 7-5, before showing Thai Santhinee Jaisuekul the door with a masterful 7-2 victory in the Final Four.

Filipino medalists
(As of Dec. 9, 2007)

GOLD

1. Joey Barba, Mountain Bike (Men's Downhill)
2. Ryan Arabejo, Swimming (Men's 200m Back)
3. Miguel Molina, Swimming (Men's 400m Individual Medley)
4. Rene Herrera, Athletics (Men's 3000m Steeplechase)
5. Arniel Ferrera, Athletics (Men's Hammer Throw)
6. Benjamin Tolentino Jr. and Jose Rodriguez, Rowing (Men's Double Sculls)
7. Ryan Mendoza, Triathlon (Men's Duathlon)
8. Marestella Torres, Athletics (Women's Long Jump)
9. Emmanuel Reyes and Maira Rosete, Dance Sport (Standard Quickstep)
10. E. Reyes and M. Rosete, Dance Sport, (Standard Tango)
11. Michelle Bruzola, Fencing (Women's Individual Epee)
12. Emerson Segui, Fencing (Men's Individual Foil)
13. Antonio Gabica and Marlon Manalo, Billiards and Snooker (Men's 9-Ball Doubles)
14. Miguel Molina, Swimming (Men's 200m Individual Medley)
15. B. Tolentino, Rowing (Men's Lightweight Singles Sculls)
16. Rubilen Amit, Billiards (Women's 9-Ball Pool Singles)

SILVER

1. E. Ang, C. Carlos and J. Dionisio, Shooting (Men's Trap Team)
2. J. De Guzman, Shooting (Women's Skeet)
3. P. Rosario, P. Bernardo and G. Tong, Shooting (Men's Skeet Team)
4. M. Milgar, Athletics (Women's 400m Hurdles)
5. J. Sermona, Athletics (Men's 500m)
6. R. Villarito, Athletics (Women's Javelin Throw)
7. E. Quinones, Mt. Bike (Men's Cross Country)
8. A. Amposta and N. Cordova, Rowing (Men's Lightweight Double Sculls)
9. M. Valda, Wrestling (Men's Freestyle 84kg)
10. M. Dique, Athletics (Men's 800m)
11. H. Orendain, Fencing (Women's Individual Epee)
12. G. Silverio, Wrestling (Women's Freestyle 59kg)
13. A. Aragon, Wrestling (Men's Freestyle 74kg)
14. J.Angana , Wrestling (Men's Freestyle 66kg)
15. N. Cordova and M.Gabilgno, Rowing (W Double Sculls)
16. G. Vlog, Trathlon (Men's)
17. A. Araulo, Trathlon (Women's)
18. E. Reyes and M. Rosete, Dance Sport (Stand Viennese Waltz)
19. E. Reyes and M. Rosete, Dance Sport (Stand Slow Foxtrot)
20. J. Melencio and D. Gerodias, Dance Sport (Latin American Jive)
21. J. Melencio and D. Gerodias, Dance Sport (Lat.Amer. Paso Doble)
22. W. Mendoza, Fencing (Men's Individual Sabre)
23. J. Walsh, Swimming (Men's 100m Butterfly)
24. M. Mendoza, D. Coakley, K. Uy and J. Walsh, Swimming (Men's 4x100m Frees Relay)

BRONZE

1. E. Concepcion, Shooting (Men's 10m Air Rifle)
2. Men's Hoop, Sepak Takraw
3. Women's Hoop, Sepak
4. E. Sunang, Athletics (Men's Shot Put)
5. J. Delicano, Athletics (Men's Triple Jump)
6. N. Surban, Mountain Bike (Men's Cross Country)
7. M. Bitbit, Mountain Bike (Women's Cross Country)
8. M. Jambora, Wrestling (Women's Freestyle 48kg)
9. Ma. Cristina Vergara, Wrestling (Women's Freestyle 51kg)
10. C. Nillas and J. Pedrita, Rowing (Women's Lightweight Double Sculls)
11. F. Taino and C. Mamiit, Tennis (Men's Team)
12. D. Dy and D. Matias, Tennis (Women's Team)
13. A. Benedicto, Triathlon (Men's Duathlon)
14. A. Dysangco, Triathlon (Women's Duathlon)
15. E. Reyes and M. Rosete, Dance Sport (Standard Waltz)
16. R. Renec Mercado and J. Melencio, Dance Sport (Latin American Cha Cha Cha)
17. R. Canlas Jr., Fencing (Men's Individual Foil)
18. J. Franquelli, Fencing (Women's Individual Sabre)
19. A. Villarube, Athletics (Men's Decathlon)
20. J. Bano, J. Nierras Jr., R. Tanuan Jr. and E. Candelario, Athletics (Men's 4x400 Relay)
21. K. Uy, Swimming (Men's 100m Free)
22. J. Pangilinan, Swimming (Women's 100m Breast)
23. N. Santiago, J. Pangilinan, G. Gandionco and E. Totten, Swimming (Women's 4x100m Free Rel.)
24. E. Buenavista, Athletics (Men's Marathon)
25. J. Banayag, Athletics (Women's Marathon)
26. J. Rodriguez, Rowing (Men's Single Sculls)
27. A. Macasieb, Triathlon (Men's Event)
28. M. Lucas, Triathlon (Women's Event)
29. H. Diaz, Weightlifting (Women's 58 kg)
30. M. Angana, Wrestling (Men's Freestyle 55 kg)
31. D. Pakantac, Wushu (Men's Taijiquan-2 events combined)
32. J. Hung, Wushu (Women's Taijiquan-2 events combined)
33. B. Vicera, Boxing (Men's Pinweight 45kg)
34. M. Bitbit, Road Cycling (Women's Individual Time Trial)
35. J. Melencio and D. Gerodias, Dance Sport (Lat. American Samba)
36. C. Roland, Muay Thai (Flyweight 51 kg)
37. R. Catalan, Wushu (Men's Under 52 kg)
38. M. Mancenido and V. Nuestro (tie), Fencing (Women's Individual Foil)

KIA DOES A NADAL!
SCORES A STUNNING UPSET IN THE 2007 CAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

FOR THE FIRST TIME A KOREAN BRAND, KIA, GARNERED THE MOST NUMBER OF AWARDS AT THE 4TH CAR OF THE YEAR (COTY) PHILIPPINES AWARDS PROGRAM WHICH WAS HELD AT THE ROCKWELL TENT IN MAKATI CITY LAST NOVEMBER 15, 2007 BY THE CAR AWARDS GROUP, INC. (CAGI) ORGANIZER OF COTY, UPSETTING OTHER POPULAR JAPANESE, AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN CAR BRANDS.

CATEGORY	WINNER
BASIC SUBCOMPACT AWARD	—KIA PICANTO 1.1L DLX
EXECUTIVE SUB-COMPACT AWARD	—KIA RIO 1.4L SEDAN
COMPACT VAN & MPV AWARD	—KIA CARENS 2.0L CRDi
EXECUTIVE VAN & MPV AWARD	—KIA CARNIVAL 2.9L CRDi (Short Wheelbase)

For the Executive Van & MPV Category

CONTENDERS	WINNER
Isuzu Sportivo	
Kia Carnival 2.9LX CRDi(Short)	✓
Mitsubishi Fuzion GLS	
Toyota Innova	

EXECUTIVE VAN & MPV OF THE YEAR
THE NEW KIA CARNIVAL WITH CRDi DIESEL ENGINE

OTHER PREVIOUS AWARDS:
- SAFEST FAMILY CAR by Forbes.com
- TOP SAFETY PICK by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety IIHS (USA) 2007
- BEST MINIVAN by Motorweek at the 2007 Drivers Choice Awards (USA)
- FIVE-STAR SAFETY RATING by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration NHTSA (USA) 2006
- GOLD TOP SAFETY PICK by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety IIHS (USA) 2006

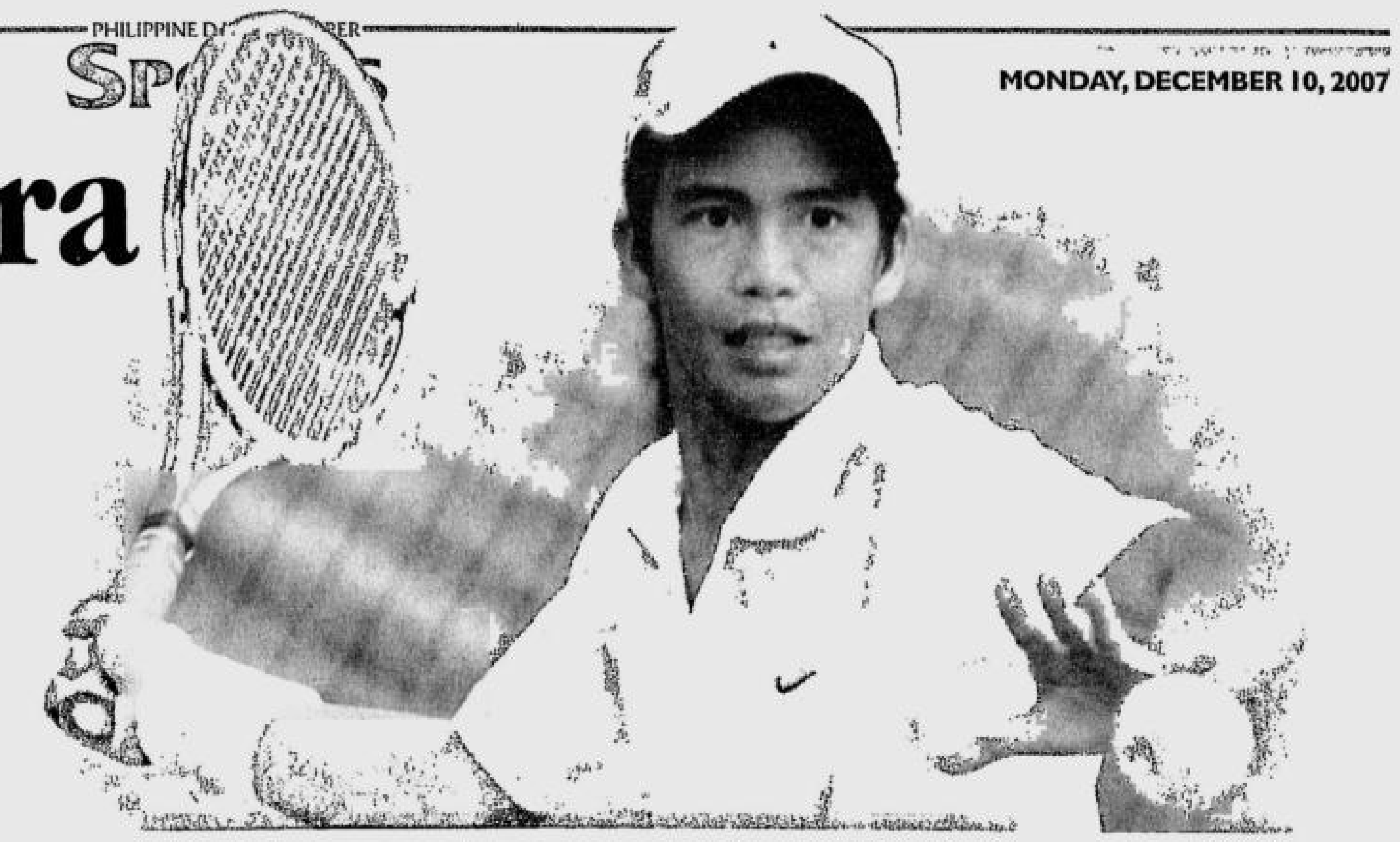
Rafael Nadal
Reigning three-time French Open champion

Actual unit may vary from photo

KIA AUTHORIZED DEALERS / SALES OUTLETS
METRO MANILA GREENHILLS Tel 744-4306•PASIG Tel 645-3855 loc. 23•ESGUERRA Tel. 411-1253•PASAY Tel.852-1552 to 58•QUIRINO AVENUE Tel.564-7872•SHAW Tel.534-4806•NOVALICHES Tel.453-6862•MARIKINA Tel 682-8580 to 81•ANTIPOLO Telefax 695-1457•BINONDO Tel 256-2037-38•LIBIS Tel. 706-0685•CUBAO Tel. 421-1719•MANDALUYONG Tel. 531-4631 to 36•NEW MANILA Tel. 722-0932 to 34•MANILA BAY Tel. 556-1494-95•QUEZON AVE. Tel. 743-6593•MAKATI Tel. 815-1178•TAYTAY Telefax 669-1723•SUCAT Tel 820-1542 LUZON BATANGAS Tel. (043)778-4214 to 16•STA. ROSA Telefax (049)544-0387• DASMARIÑAS Tels. (046)416-1242•BULACAN Tel. (044)692-0273•PAMPANGA Tel. (045)961-1485 to 86•PANGASINAN Tel. (075)517-3988•PALAWAN Tel. (084)433-4963•CABANATUAN Tel. (044)600-5232•LEGASPI Tel. (052)481-1533 VISAYAS ILOILO Tel. (033)338-1676•BACOLOD Tel. (034)434-6079•CEBU CITY Tel. (032)233-1386•MANDAUE CITY Tel. (032)344-3815•BOHOL Tel. (038)501-0119•DUMAGUETE Tel. (035)419-8388•ORMOC Tel. (053)561-6441•TACLOBAN Telefax (053)523-3413•SAN CARLOS CITY Tels. (034)729-4536 MINDANAO BUTUAN Tel. (085)815-2669•OZAMIZ Tel. (0928)2337431•ZAMBOANGA Tel. (062)983-0769•ILIGAN Tels. (063)221-0574•CAGAYAN DE ORO Tel. (088)856-3557•DAVAO Tel. (082)234-0057 to 58•GENERAL SANTOS CITY Tels. (083)302-8888•DIPOLOG Tels. (0918)8087000

KIA MOTORS

Gritty Alcantara nails it at last



FRANCIS Alcantara prepares to slam a forehand return. RYAN LIM

By Marc Anthony Reyes

POWERED BY SHEER GRIT, FRANCIS Casey Alcantara surged back from a set down to outlast Australian doubles partner James Duckworth, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 1-0 (retired), yesterday and capture the boys' singles title of the Phinma ITF junior tennis championships at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

The top-seeded Alcantara shrugged off a 7-4 tiebreak loss in the first set to easily win the second as Duckworth tried to fight off exhaustion chasing the Filipino's nifty crosscourt shots.

The Australian eventually capitulated as cramps hit him in both legs with the Filipino holding serve, 1-0, in the deciding set.

Alcantara showed how much he wanted a title victory that eluded him last week. The 16-year-old lost to Russian qualifier Artem Ilyushin in last week's final of the twin tournament.

"I guess I wanted (the championship) more," said Alcantara, who won another ITF junior event in Malaysia last month. "I wanted to win right here in our country."

Alcantara appeared headed for another heartbreak early on as Duckworth often caught him on the wrong foot.

"I didn't realize he was getting tired because he was still returning shots," said Alcantara of his opponent who still managed to send the set to the tiebreak.

By the second set, it was obvious that the momentum had shifted to the Filipino's favor, and the match was halted as Duckworth cramped up in both legs.

Japanese Maho Kowase overpowered Australia's Cody Morris, 6-3, 6-1, to annex the girls' singles title.

The Australians made up for their singles' defeats as Benjamin Wagland and Sean White won by walkover in the finals against Alcantara and Duckworth.

Everest conquerors lead Clark 'Discovery' adventure pack

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CARINA Dayondon, who has reached the summit of Mt. Everest, rappels down a hill near the Sacobia River. TONETTE T. OREJAS/INQUIRER CENTRAL LUZON

CLARK FREEPORT—MT. EVEREST conquerors Leo Oracion and Carina Dayondon, among the first Filipinos who reached the summit of the world's highest peak, led the pack of 80 athletes in the maiden run of the multi-sports endurance race Clark Discovery Quest here on Sunday.

Shortly after 9 a.m., during the eight-hour, non-stop challenge, Oracion and teammate Miguel Lopez sped past the lahar-filled Aduam section of the Sacobia River and were ahead by about 5 km of 29 teams and 15 individual participants.

But Philippine Air Force member Roel Ano and his brother, Jessie, later outdid Oracion and Lopez.

The Ano brothers ran through a bed of dry lahar and rappelled at the Sacobia Bridge ahead of all participants by past 10 a.m.

Dayondon, among the 20 women who competed, reached the bridge at 11:10 a.m., slithering through it like a pro before mounting herself on a bike toward the mountains of Bamban in Tarlac.

Every athlete, including three foreigners who reached that bridge, looked exhilarated but pushed on with the 53-km race through a mixed terrain of concrete, rolling hills, waterfalls, wild rivers and steep slopes.

Their ages range from 18 to 45, coming from various parts of the country. The event was a combination of running, trekking, marathon, biking, swimming and obstacle courses.

Warner Andrada, chief of the Department of Tourism product research development office, said the quest was about adventure.

The event's sponsors were the Clark Development Corp. and the Fontana Leisure Park.

Pinoy cooks win over foreign athletes' taste

By Musong R. Castillo

NAKHON RATCHASIMA—WHILE THE FILIPINO athletes have all but lost grip on the overall title in the 24th Southeast Asian Games, cooks from back home have won the hearts of the other nations at the Athletes' Village here.

The Filipino food section opened on Friday, and most of its clientele are athletes from the other 10 nations who have found the food to their liking and have made it a point to eat there every now and then.

The sad part? After the Philippine swimmers scooped up two gold medals on opening night, they arrived at the "restaurant" only to find that most of the food had been consumed by the foreign athletes.

* * *

Filipino-Canadian Mallory Dayot flew all the way from Canada to Bangkok, going 22 hours non-stop only to find out that she wouldn't be suiting up for the Philippine women's football team anymore.

Dayot would have been able to join the footbelles in a playoff for the second Group A slot had Vietnam played harder than it did in a 4-1 victory over Laos.

24th SEA GAMES
6 - 15 DECEMBER 2007
NAKHON RATCHASIMA
THAILAND

That victory meant that the Laotians booked No. 2 seeding by virtue of a superior goal difference against the RP women, who lost to Vietnam, 10-0.

* * *

The mess hall at the Main Press Center, meanwhile, has been serving the same dishes over and over again. But those covering the beat have managed to make it work because of a wide variety of viands to choose from.

There are three counters in the MPC mess hall, the first serves traditional Thai food, the next caters to Halal clients and the third is a sort of westernized stall where fried chicken wings are the main fare.

And the best part about it is the price, as a reporter can fill himself up for just 20 baht (about P30) for a hearty meal.

Team Shamrock scores unexpected ring sweep

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS LEGEND KEN Shamrock knew his team would win, but did not expect to beat fellow champion Royce Gracie and his team so easily, so quickly.

Team Shamrock completed a sweep of its five matches against Team Gracie in the first part of the "Ring of Fire: World Team Challenge" at the Araneta Coliseum.

Ricco Rodriguez, Evan Dunham, Kyacey "Ice Cold" Uscola, Mike Whitehead and female champion Tonya Evinger dominated their respective rivals, sweeping to victories with a combination of raw power and techniques.

Rodriguez, easily one of the more popular mixed martial arts experts, defeated Kevin Fitial in 1:53 of the second of the three five-minute encounters in the one-day extravaganza put up by the organizing Fearless Fighting Productions and the Las Vegas-based Platinum Fighting Productions.

The 30-year-old former wrestling champion from Staten Island, New York emerged a clear winner by tap out over Fitial to the delight of a big weekend crowd watching a world-class MMA event for the first time.

Dunham sparked Team Shamrock's fiery start by beating Cleber Luciano of Team Gracie by submission in the first match of the day.

Uscola, a 26-year-old native of Salt Lake City, Utah, followed it up with a majority decision win over Jorge Patino of Team Gracie and Whitehead won by Daniel Serafian of Team Gracie by unanimous decision.

In an all-female showdown, Evinger defeated Kathrine Andal in 1:14 of the second round.

"We knew we would win, but we did not expect to sweep them (Team Gracie)," said Shamrock.

Member-guest golf tilt stakes new car

A LOT IN RIO DE ORO SUBDIVISION and an all-new Toyota Vios are up for grabs as hole-in-one prizes in the Fore by Four member-guest Invitational tournament of the sprawling Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club on Dec. 14-15.

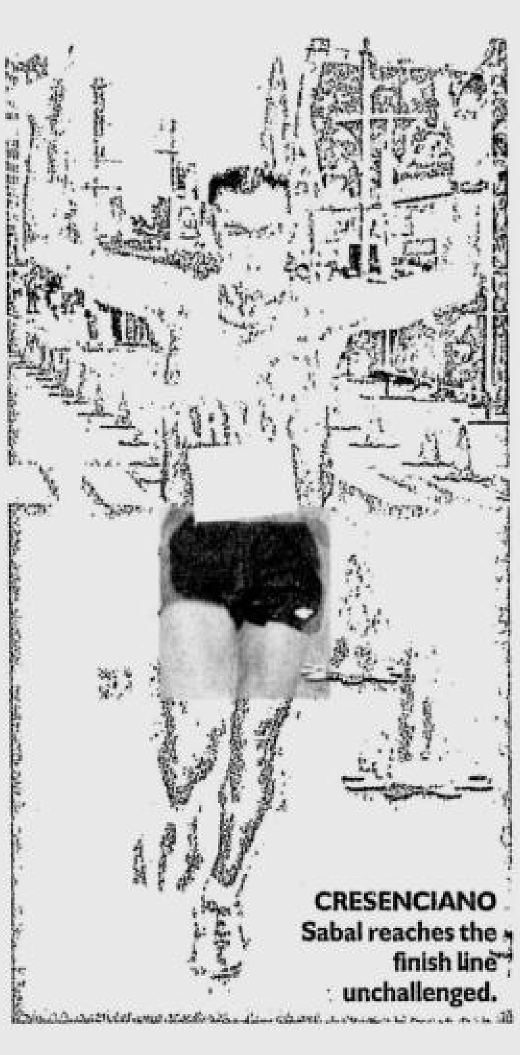
The Rio del Oro property and the Toyota Vios will be won for an ace on a designated hole in the two-day competition to be played at the four championship courses designed by Nick Faldo, Isao Aoki, Andy Dye and Greg Norman.

Registration for the event is closed with all 300 slots already filled up. Today is the deadline for payment of entry fee which will entitle a member and his guest a premium LG phone each as a giveaway, a chance at winning a Toyota Vios and more than a million pesos worth of appliances and merchandise in the raffle.

This year's Fore by Four stands to become the biggest since the grand opening of the club with the use of all four courses and the overwhelming response by members.

In its last members monthly participated in by 244 players, Arnold Jumalon led the winners by topping Class A. Irineo Arbuen took Class B; Crisostomo Borillo ruled Class C and Adelio Domingo took Class D of the men's class.

Sabal, Tolentino rule 10 miler



CRESENCIANO Sabal reaches the finish line unchallenged.

CRESENCIANO SABAL AND AILENE TOlentino pulled away in the stretch to rule the 19th Yakult 10 Miler yesterday at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex in Pasay City.

Sabal pulled away for good in the final 400 meters of the 16-kilometer foot race to claim his third 10 Miler crown with a time of 50 minutes and 27 seconds.

Tolentino completed the course in one hour, two minutes and seven seconds after tailing last year's winner Maricel Maquilan in the early part of the race.

Sabal and Tolentino each pocketed P7,000.

Without last year's winner Bernardo Desamito, Sabal was challenged by Armyman Juniel Languido, who tailed the champion right from the start.

"*Medyo alalay lang ang takbo ko ngayon dahil katatakbo ko lang* (I was not running at full speed because I just ran) last week," said Sabal, who topped a La Salle-organized foot race last week. "*Nakabuntot lang si* (I was being trailed by) Languido *sa akin hanggang sa pagpasok dito sa* (until I reached) CCP. *Dyan ko lang siya naiwan* (I broke away from there)."

Languido came in five seconds behind Sabal, who also topped the Milo Marathon last month.

Tolentino overtook Maquilan only in the final kilometer. Maquilan finished at 1:02:31.

SPORTSWATCH

Imus holds 'Maes' tilt

THE IMUS SPORTS COUNCIL AND the Imus Municipal Tourism Council will organize the 1st Imus Maes-Maes National Invitational Championship on Dec. 14-16 at the Imus Pilot Elementary School in Cavite.

Maes-Maes, an indigenous Filipino sport, is very similar to beach volleyball except that it is played on dried rice fields.

A total of 20 participants from Ilocos, Pangasinan, Bicol, Visayas, Mindanao and the province of Cavite have signed up for the event.

The champion of the three-day tournament, which will be a double elimination system, will win P15,000.

For details, call 046-4721447 and 0918-9139679. Listing deadline is on Dec. 13, 4 p.m. at the office of the mayor.

'Rambulan' gets going

SAN JUAN COLISEUM'S BIGGEST cockfighting season opener for the 2007-08 season, billed as *Pamaskong Rambulan* 6-cock derby, gets going today.

SJC pit manager Renato Shio clarified that all Christmas gifts for the handlers and prizes in the raffle draw for paying patrons will not be deducted from the P3 million guaranteed prize.

Three more elimination rounds will be staged on Dec. 12, 15 and 17, where a bonus of P100,000 day prize awaits those who will score three points. For cockhouse reservations, call 7255369 and 7256563.

Makati hosts 'Salpukan'

LOCAL COCKFIGHTING STANDOUTS slug it out for a huge slice of the more than P4 million in guaranteed in the *Pamaskong Salpukan* 6-cock derby at the Makati Coliseum.

According to hosts Lito Orillaza, Rudy Salud and William Co of WTJ Sports and Amusement Corp., P3 million in guaranteed prize will be given to the winners plus a Toyota Innova and a passenger jeep for the fastest win champions.

Five days of eliminations (2-cock) will be held on Dec. 10, 12, 17, 19 and 22 while the championship rounds sizzle on Dec. 26 and 29.

A participant must pass through the elimination rounds, and no straight six fights will be allowed. Please call 8963545 and 8956475 or 4898828 for details.

RACING TIPS

BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(Tri)—French Rhythm (4), Getting Darker (1), Impulsive Decision (5)
Race 2—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Euromax (4), Honor Rose (6), Fold Your Arms (2), Getting Better (9), Northstorm (5)
Race 3—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Tiger Raffy (6), Madame Josefina (10), Devil Rising (9), Speed Attraction (5), Burst of Speed (4)
Race 4—(Qrt/Tri)—King Anthony (8), Lucky Joe (1), My Special Moment (7), Easy Lover (6)
Race 5—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Ray Moon Str (11), Honest To Goodness/Piroutte (10), Santiago (7), Leica N'Raven (7), Golden Touch (2)
Race 6—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Kampai (1), Friends For Never (4), Wowful (5), Sir Vey (6), Cheska's Real (9)
Race 7—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Dynamic Jason (8), Pivotal/My Shiekh (7), Dondon's Entry (1), Majestic Queen (4), Empire Lady (9)
Race 8—(Super 6/Qrt/Tri)—Cheska Run (6), Goldsphere (7), Holy King (10), Sir Guguy (5), She's Coming (4), Yanong Rikit (11)

Mayweather retains WBC belt

LAS VEGAS—FLOYD MAYWEATHER Jr. remained unbeaten Saturday night and retained his claim to being the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world by stopping Ricky Hatton in the 10th round of a brawl that featured none of the fancy footwork he has shown in the ring and on reality TV.

Hatton wouldn't let Mayweather move, but it didn't matter as Mayweather used precision punches to wear down the challenger and retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight title. Hatton kept trying to get inside and score points, but Mayweather had an answer for everything he did.

The end came after Mayweather landed a crushing left hook that dropped Hatton on his back in Mayweather's corner. Hatton got up at the count of eight, but Mayweather almost immediately got him on the ropes and landed another flurry of punches to the head.

Hatton went down almost on a delayed reaction, while at the same time referee Joe Cortez moved in to stop the fight and Hatton's corner threw in the towel at 1:35 of the round.

It was the first loss for Hatton, a brawler from Manchester, England, who did his best to do what no other fighter had ever done and break down Mayweather's defenses. It was clear from the early rounds, though, that Hatton would have trouble doing that. Mayweather was able to pile up points and seemed to be cruising for an easy decision win when he shot out the left hook that was the beginning of the end for Hatton.

"I knew it was going to be tough," Mayweather said. "That's why I didn't do anything halfway."

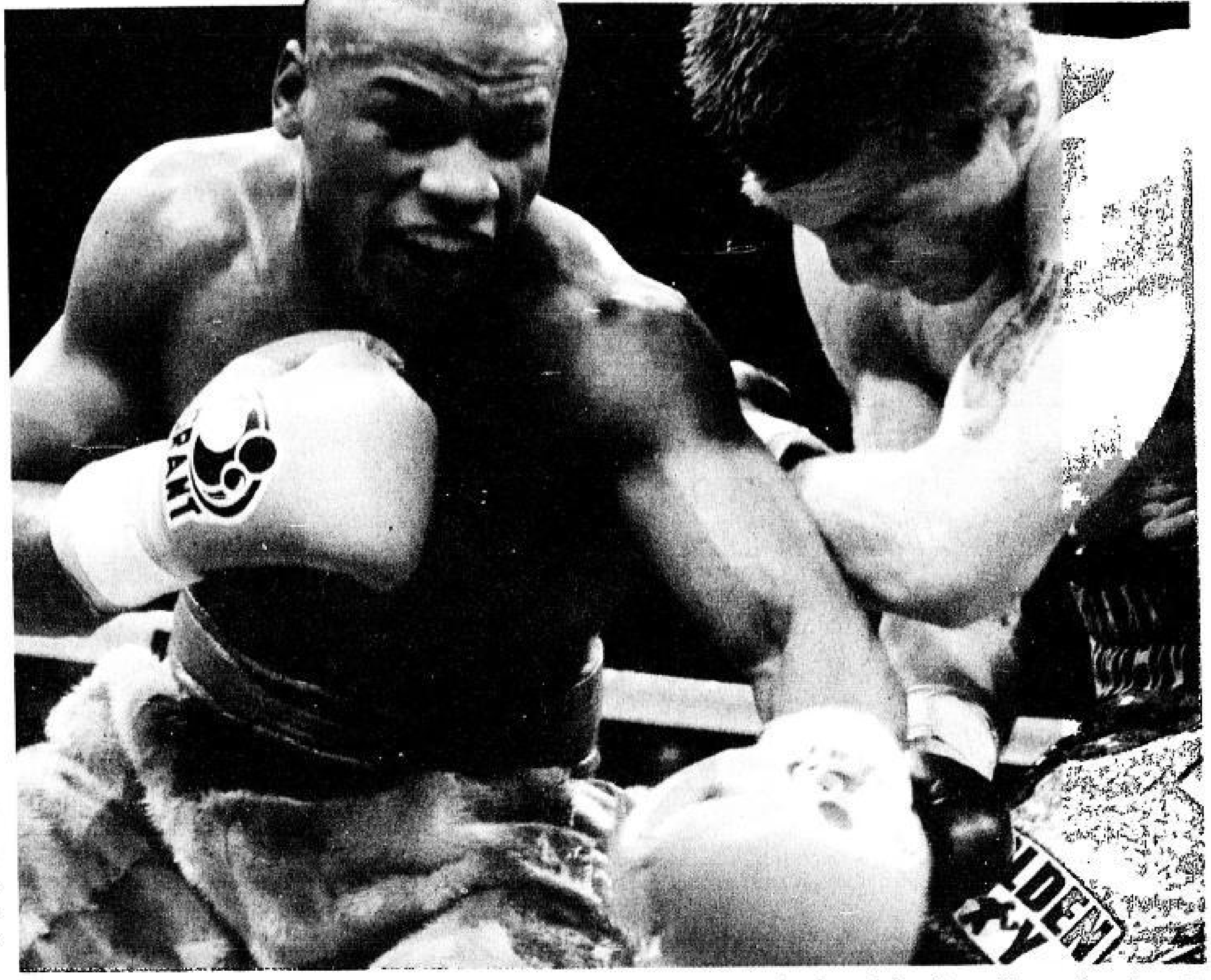
Mayweather (39-0) was ahead 89-81 on two ringside scorecards and 88-82 when he scored the thundering punches that both stopped Hatton and answered critics who said he was a boring fighter who fought defensively and rarely took any chances when it counted.

It was Mayweather's hometown, but Hatton's crowd also occupied the MGM Grand hotel arena.

A brass band played in the upper deck, among thousands of British fans who packed the arena and needed little urging to stand up with beers in hand to sing "There's only one Ricky Hatton" to the tune of "Winter Wonderland."

Unfortunately for Hatton, their vocal support wasn't of much help. *AP*

RICKY Hatton falls in the 10th round.
REUTERS


FLOYD Mayweather Jr. (left) pounds Briton Ricky Hatton at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Mayweather stopped Hatton in the 10th round to keep his WBC championship.
AFP

Celtics tame Bulls, raise mark to 17-2

CHICAGO—THE RAMPAGING BOSTON Celtics won for the 17th time in 19 games, holding off the Chicago Bulls for a 92-81 road victory on Saturday as Ray Allen overcame a poor shooting night to lead all scorers with 21 points.

Rajon Rondo matched his season high with 18 and Kevin Garnett added 16 points and nine rebounds and rookie Glen "Big Baby" Davis came off the bench with eight points and 12 rebounds.

Allen was just 6-for-16 shooting.

The Bulls (6-12) made a late run to close to 86-81 in the final minute but the Celtics would not let the game get any closer.

"It was a great game, number one," Celtics coach Doc Rivers told reporters. "It was a very competitive game."

Most of the games the Celtics have played so far this season have not been this competitive.

"We knew it was going to be one of those tough games," said Boston's Paul Pierce. "The Bulls have been playing very well as of late and we knew coming in here it was going to be difficult because we haven't beaten them in a while."

Boston ground out the win even though Pierce managed just 1-for-8 shooting and finished with 10 points.

He was 0-for-4 in the first half and delivered his only basket from open play in the third quarter.

Boston (17-2) has now won six straight games.

Timberwolves 100, Suns 93

At Minneapolis, the Phoenix Suns' offense fell flat in the second half and Al Jefferson tied a career-high with 32 points to go with 20 rebounds to carry the success-starved Minnesota Timberwolves over the Phoenix Suns.

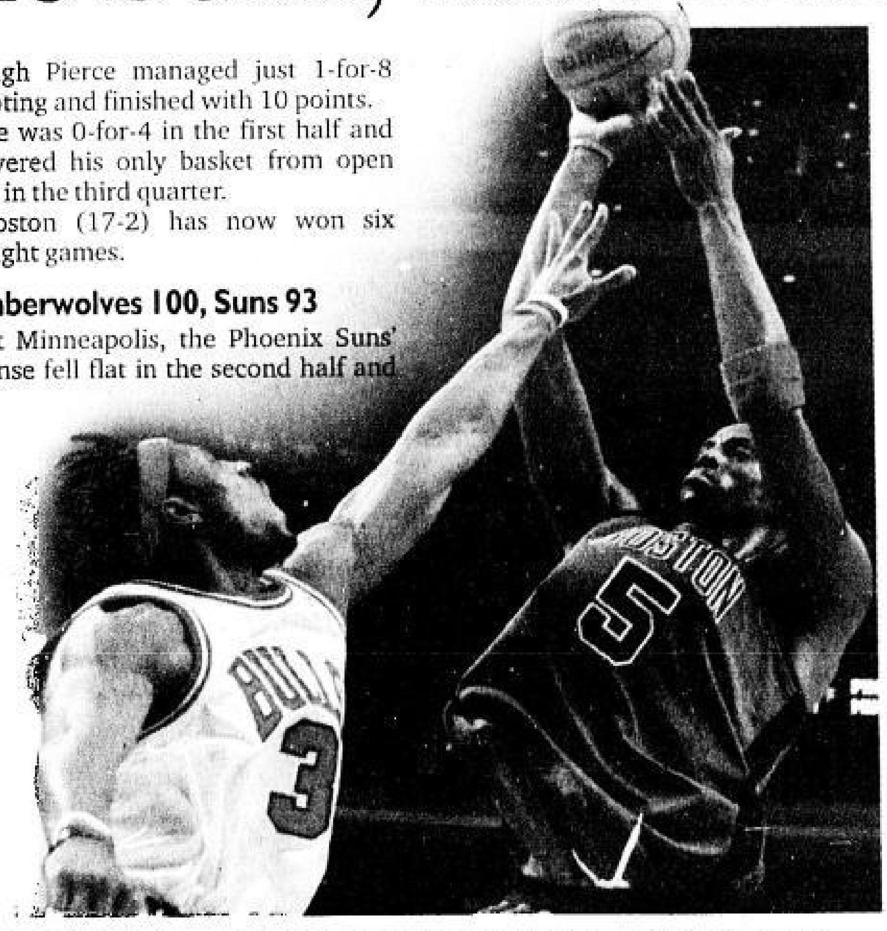
The Timberwolves entered the game with a league-worst 2-15 record, but dominated on the boards and snapped a five-game losing streak. Marko Jaric added 19 points and Craig Smith had 16 points and eight rebounds for the Wolves, who outrebounded Phoenix 55-33.

76ers 105, Knicks 77

At New York, Willie Green scored 18 points, and Philadelphia completed a home-and-home sweep of New York.

Andre Iguodala added 17 points and Reggie Evans had 14 rebounds for the 76ers, who beat the Knicks 101-90 Friday in Philadelphia. This one was even easier, giving them consecutive victories for the first time this season. The Sixers passed the Knicks to escape last place in the Atlantic Division and have won the last four meetings in the series. *Reuters, AP*

OTHER RESULTS: Bobcats 96, Cavaliers 93; Mavericks 125, Jazz 117; Nuggets 101, Kings 97; Hawks 86, Grizzlies 78


BOSTON Celtics forward Kevin Garnett shoots over Chicago Bulls center Ben Wallace in the fourth quarter of their NBA match in Chicago.
REUTERS

Thai fails dope test, admits drug use

KORAT, THAILAND—A THAI FIELD hockey player became the first athlete to be expelled from the Southeast Asian Games after failing a drug test, games officials said Sunday.

The male player, whose name was not immediately released, tested positive for steroids in a pre-competition urine test, said Kanokphan Julakasem, head of the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT).

In addition to expulsion from the 11-nation games, the player will likely be banned from competition in his sport for two years.

Dr. Chataruporn na Nakon, deputy governor for sports promotion with the SAT, said a second Thai athlete, a female gymnast, also failed a drug test for an undisclosed substance one week before the beginning of the games. She will receive the same punishment as meted out to the hockey player, he said.

Jatuporn said the test on the hockey player showed traces of methyltestosterone, an illegal muscle-building drug.

The hockey player, like the gymnast, admitted taking the drug so a second urine sample test was unnecessary. *AP*

Asian golfers defend Cup over Int'l squad

PERTH, AUSTRALIA—SOUTH KOREans Jee Young Lee, Seon Hwa Lee and In-Kyung Kim won early matches Sunday to give Asia an insurmountable lead en route to its second straight Lexus Cup title, a 15-9 victory over the International team.

After sweeping the opening alternate-shot session Friday, Asia took 3 1/2 of six points in best-ball play Saturday to take a seven-point lead into the Sunday singles matches, reduced from 12 to 11 when Norwegian star Suzann Pettersen was forced to withdraw during her match Saturday after aggravating a back injury.

"Everybody knows now that the strength of women's golf in Asia is growing," Asia captain Se Ri Pak said. "There is a lot of pressure. I was very proud of them. Very proud of them ... I think we all bonded as a team. It doesn't matter that we come from different places ... Overall, this is a great team, great teamwork."

Pak, bothered by shoulder pain, also sat out Sunday, with the South Korean star and International captain Annika Sorenstam agreeing to halve the match.

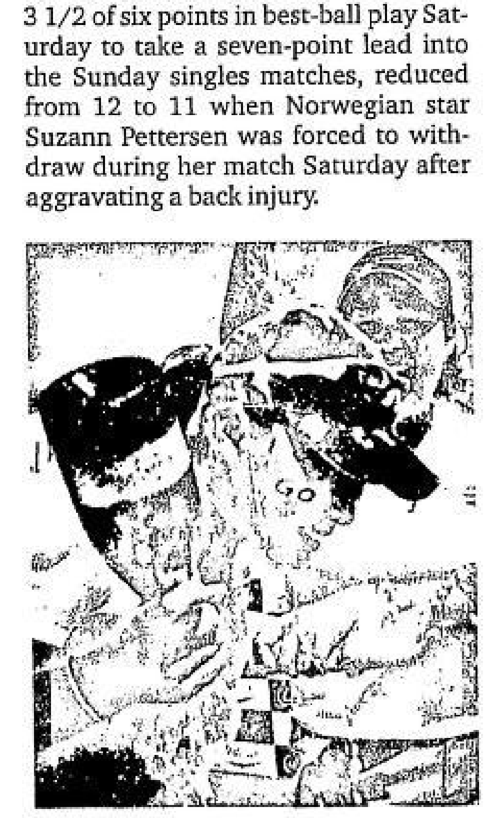
With that match leaving the score 10-3, Asia needed only two points Sunday to retain the cup and 2 1-2 to win outright.

Sorenstam opened the singles with a 4-and-3 victory over Candie Kung 4 and 3, but Jee Young Lee countered with a 2-and-1 decision over Nicole Castrale in the second match. Angela Park then beat Asia's Amy Hung 3 and 1, and Kim secured at least a tie with a 2-and-1 victory over Stacy Prammanasudh.

Seon Hwa Lee, the HSBC Women's World Match Play winner, put Asia over the top, beating U.S. Women's Open champion Cristie Kerr 3 and 2. Seon Hwa Lee is 6-0-0 in two appearances in the competition.

Sarah Lee also won for Asia, beating Australia's Nikki Campbell 3 and 1.

Asia successfully defend its title after beating the International team 12½-11½ last year in Singapore. *AP*


LEE Jee-long pours champagne over Team Asia captain Se Ri Pak.
AP

Doctor says Nadal's foot injury not serious

MADRID—WORLD NUMBER TWO RAFAEL NADAL HAS NO PROBLEMS THAT COULD prevent him pursuing a tennis career, his doctor Angel Ruiz Cotorro said Friday. "After carrying out routine tests, I consider Rafael to be in perfect condition to continue developing his career in the coming years," Cotorro said. The 21-year-old Spaniard's coach and uncle Toni Nadal had said the injury was "very serious." "He picked it up in April 2004. It was a stress fracture in the left foot. Once cured, a specific program was instigated along with his fitness trainer and physiotherapist," added Cotorro. ***Reuters***

It's a Go for popular board game in 24th SEA Games

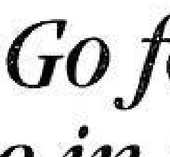
NAKHON RATCHASIMA, THAIland—Board games in the Olympics? If events in Thailand this week are to be taken as a guide, it could soon happen.

Among the usual athletics, swimming, cycling et cetera at the current Southeast Asian Games is Go—a board game popular in Japan and China and gradually filtering down the Asian peninsula.

It may only be a demonstration sport at these Games, but it is pushing to become part of the official schedule in future editions.

Chess has been a demonstration sport at SEA Games in the past, and now Go. So where does it end? If they can make it, why not backgammon? Or poker? Or Monopoly?

If the early stages of the Go tournament at these Games is indicative, it has not taken a grip on the popular imagination.



Staged in a meeting room of a local university, the triumphant finale to games was greeted by the steady hum of air conditioning—no cheering, clapping, bells and horns.

A few curious spectators wandered among the tables to watch, but future hosts may not need stadium seating.

How to play it

Go is a strategic board game for two players that originated in ancient China.

Two players alternately place black and white pieces known as 'stones' on vacant intersections of a 19 x 19 line grid.

The objective of the game is to control a larger part of the board than the opponent by placing stones where the opponent's stones cannot surround them and thus be removed from the board.

Singapore's Pooh Chuan Ling Karen was competing for Singapore, and has bright hopes for the future of the game.

"If you're just watching, Go may seem boring, but if you're playing, you see how challenging and fun it is," said Karen, who felt Go deserved to be part of the official canon.

Undefeated

Karen, 20, beat 40 other women to win the Singapore qualifying tournament for the SEA Games, and was undefeated as of Sunday.

She has been playing Go since she was eight, under the influence of her father, who plays it every day with his friends.

"I try to play as often as I can, when school doesn't get in the way," said Karen, who is studying to be a psychologist.

She attends at least 10 competitions in Singapore every year, and tries to make as many international ones as she can.

"Once you beat somebody, you're much more motivated to practice," she said. *AP*

Mayweather retains WBC belt

LAS VEGAS—FLOYD MAYWEATHER Jr. remained unbeaten Saturday night and retained his claim to being the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world by stopping Ricky Hatton in the 10th round of a brawl that featured none of the fancy footwork he has shown in the ring and on reality TV.

Hatton wouldn't let Mayweather move, but it didn't matter as Mayweather used precision punches to wear down the challenger and retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight title. Hatton kept trying to get inside and score points, but Mayweather had an answer for everything he did.

The end came after Mayweather landed a crushing left hook that dropped Hatton on his back in Mayweather's corner. Hatton got up at the count of eight, but Mayweather almost immediately got him on the ropes and landed another flurry of punches to the head.

Hatton went down almost on a delayed reaction, while at the same time referee Joe Cortez moved in to stop the fight and Hatton's corner threw in the towel at 1:35 of the round.

It was the first loss for Hatton, a brawler from Manchester, England, who did his best to do what no other fighter had ever done and break down Mayweather's defenses. It was clear from the early rounds, though, that Hatton would have trouble doing that. Mayweather was able to pile up points and seemed to be cruising for an easy decision win when he shot out the left hook that was the beginning of the end for Hatton.

"I knew it was going to be tough," Mayweather said. "That's why I didn't do anything halfway."

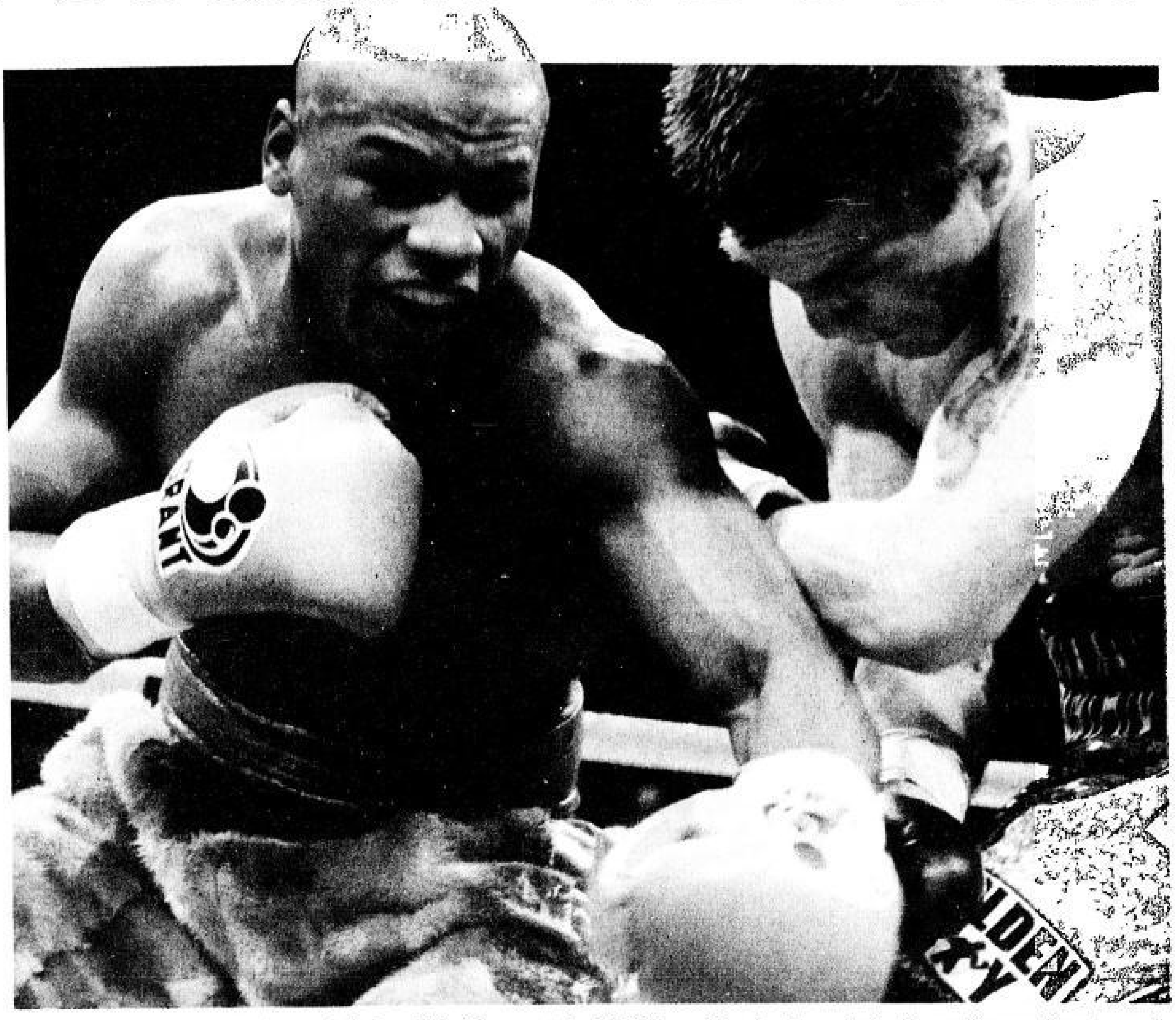
Mayweather (39-0) was ahead 89-81 on two ringside scorecards and 88-82 when he scored the thundering punches that both stopped Hatton and answered critics who said he was a boring fighter who fought defensively and rarely took any chances when it counted.

It was Mayweather's hometown, but Hatton's crowd also occupied the MGM Grand hotel arena.

A brass band played in the upper deck, among thousands of British fans who packed the arena and needed little urging to stand up with beers in hand to sing "There's only one Ricky Hatton" to the tune of "Winter Wonderland."

Unfortunately for Hatton, their vocal support wasn't of much help. *AP*

RICKY Hatton falls in the 10th round. REUTERS



FLOYD Mayweather Jr. (left) pounds Briton Ricky Hatton at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Mayweather stopped Hatton in the 10th round to keep his WBC championship. AFP

Celtics tame Bulls, raise mark to 17-2

CHICAGO—THE RAMPAGING BOSTON Celtics won for the 17th time in 19 games, holding off the Chicago Bulls for a 92-81 road victory on Saturday as Ray Allen overcame a poor shooting night to lead all scorers with 21 points.

Rajon Rondo matched his season high with 18 and Kevin Garnett added 16 points and nine rebounds and rookie Glen "Big Baby" Davis came off the bench with eight points and 12 rebounds.

Allen was just 6-for-16 shooting.

The Bulls (6-12) made a late run to close to 86-81 in the final minute but the Celtics would not let the game get any closer.

"It was a great game, number one," Celtics coach Doc Rivers told reporters. "It was a very competitive game."

Most of the games the Celtics have played so far this season have not been this competitive.

"We knew it was going to be one of those tough games," said Boston's Paul Pierce. "The Bulls have been playing very well as of late and we knew coming in here it was going to be difficult because we haven't beaten them in a while."

Boston ground out the win even though Pierce managed just 1-for-8 shooting and finished with 10 points.

He was 0-for-4 in the first half and delivered his only basket from open play in the third quarter.

Boston (17-2) has now won six straight games.

Timberwolves 100, Suns 93

At Minneapolis, the Phoenix Suns' offense fell flat in the second half and Al Jefferson tied a career-high with 32 points to go with 20 rebounds to carry the success-starved Minnesota Timberwolves over the Phoenix Suns.

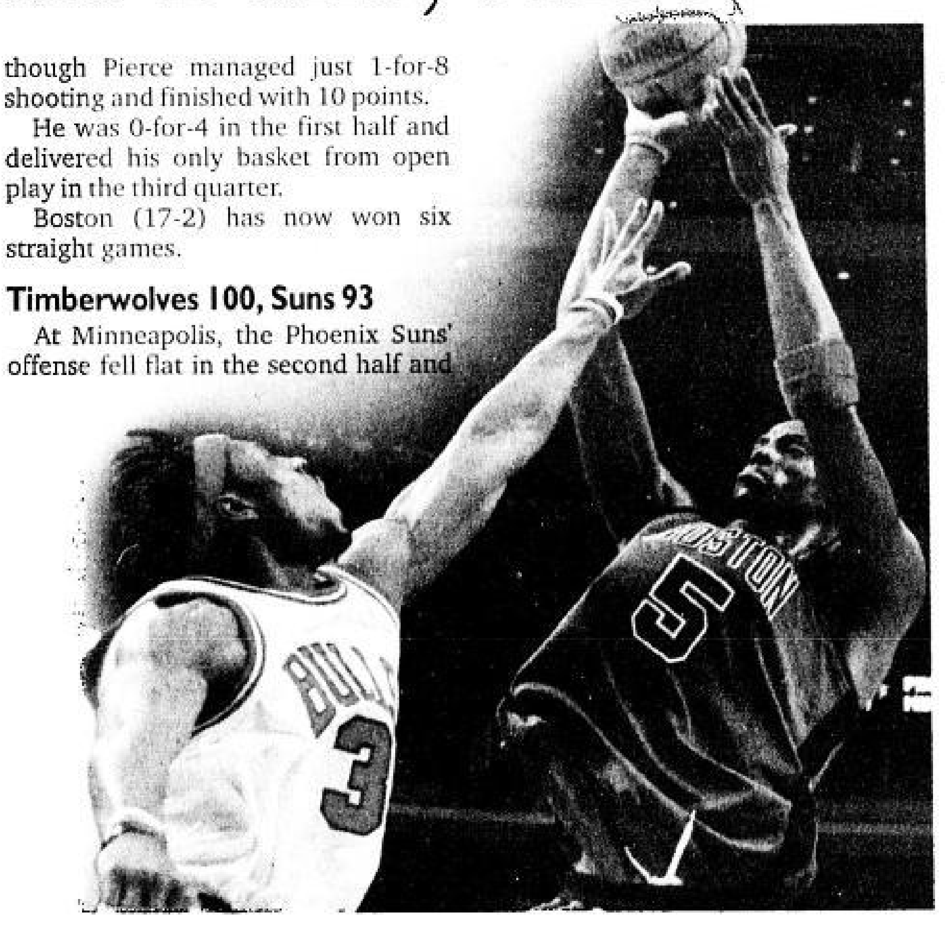
The Timberwolves entered the game with a league-worst 2-15 record, but dominated on the boards and snapped a five-game losing streak. Marko Jaric added 19 points and Craig Smith had 16 points and eight rebounds for the Wolves, who outrebounded Phoenix 55-33.

76ers 105, Knicks 77

At New York, Willie Green scored 18 points, and Philadelphia completed a home-and-home sweep of New York.

Andre Iguodala added 17 points and Reggie Evans had 14 rebounds for the 76ers, who beat the Knicks 101-90 Friday in Philadelphia. This one was even easier, giving them consecutive victories for the first time this season. The Sixers passed the Knicks to escape last place in the Atlantic Division and have won the last four meetings in the series. *Reuters, AP*

OTHER RESULTS: Bobcats 96, Cavaliers 93; Mavericks 125, Jazz 117; Nuggets 101, Kings 97; Hawks 86, Grizzlies 78



BOSTON Celtics forward Kevin Garnett shoots over Chicago Bulls center Ben Wallace in the fourth quarter of their NBA match in Chicago. REUTERS

Thai fails dope test, admits drug use

KORAT, THAILAND—A THAI FIELD hockey player became the first athlete to be expelled from the Southeast Asian Games after failing a drug test, games officials said Sunday.

The male player, whose name was not immediately released, tested positive for steroids in a pre-competition urine test, said Kanokphan Julakasem, head of the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT).

In addition to expulsion from the 11-nation games, the player will likely be banned from competition in his sport for two years.

Dr. Chataruporn na Nakon, deputy governor for sports promotion with the SAT, said a second Thai athlete, a female gymnast, also failed a drug test for an undisclosed substance one week before the beginning of the games. She will receive the same punishment as meted out to the hockey player, he said.

Jatuporn said the test on the hockey player showed traces of methyltestosterone, an illegal muscle-building drug.

The hockey player, like the gymnast, admitted taking the drug so a second urine sample test was unnecessary. *AP*

Asian golfers defend Cup over Int'l squad

PERTH, AUSTRALIA—SOUTH KOREANS Jee Young Lee, Seon Hwa Lee and In-Kyung Kim won early matches Sunday to give Asia an insurmountable lead en route to its second straight Lexus Cup title, a 15-9 victory over the International team.

After sweeping the opening alternate-shot session Friday, Asia took 3 1/2 of six points in best-ball play Saturday to take a seven-point lead into the Sunday singles matches, reduced from 12 to 11 when Norwegian star Suzann Pettersen was forced to withdraw during her match Saturday after aggravating a back injury.

"Everybody knows now that the strength of women's golf in Asia is growing," Asia captain Se Ri Pak said. "There is a lot of pressure. I was very proud of them. Very proud of them ... I think we all bonded as a team. It doesn't matter that we come from different places ... Overall, this is a great team, great teamwork."

Pak, bothered by shoulder pain, also sat out Sunday, with the South Korean star and International captain Annika Sorenstam agreeing to halve the match.

With that match leaving the score 10-3, Asia needed only two points Sunday to retain the cup and 2 1-2 to win outright.

Sorenstam opened the singles with a 4-and-3 victory over Candie Kung 4 and 3, but Jee Young Lee countered with a 2-and-1 decision over Nicole Castrale in the second match. Angela Park then beat Asia's Amy Hung 3 and 1, and Kim secured at least a tie with a 2-and-1 victory over Stacy Prammanasudh.

Seon Hwa Lee, the HSBC Women's World Match Play winner, put Asia over the top, beating U.S. Women's Open champion Cristie Kerr 3 and 2. Seon Hwa Lee is 6-0-0 in two appearances in the competition.

Sarah Lee also won for Asia, beating Australia's Nikki Campbell 3 and 1.

Asia successfully defend its title after beating the International team 12½-11½ last year in Singapore. *AP*

LEE Jee-long pours champagne over Team Asia captain Se Ri Pak. AP

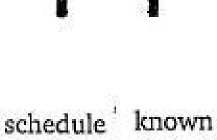
Doctor says Nadal's foot injury not serious

MADRID—WORLD NUMBER TWO RAFAEL NADAL HAS NO PROBLEMS THAT COULD prevent him pursuing a tennis career, his doctor Angel Ruiz Cotorro said Friday. "After carrying out routine tests, I consider Rafael to be in perfect condition to continue developing his career in the coming years," Cotorro said. The 21-year-old Spaniard's coach and uncle Toni Nadal had said the injury was "very serious." "He picked it up in April 2004. It was a stress fracture in the left foot. Once cured, a specific program was instigated along with his fitness trainer and physiotherapist," added Cotorro. *Reuters*

It's a Go for popular board game in 24th SEA Games

NAKHON RATCHASIMA, THAILand—Board games in the Olympics? If events in Thailand this week are to be taken as a guide, it could soon happen.

Among the usual athletics, swimming, cycling et cetera at the current Southeast Asian Games is Go—a board game popular in Japan and China and gradually filtering down the Asian peninsula.



It may only be a demonstration sport at these Games, but it is pushing to become part of the official schedule in future editions.

Chess has been a demonstration sport at SEA Games in the past, and now Go. So where does it end? If they can make it, why not backgammon? Or poker? Or Monopoly?

If the early stages of the Go tournament at these Games is indicative, it has not taken a grip on the popular imagination.

Staged in a meeting room of a local university, the triumphant finale to games was greeted by the steady hum of air conditioning—no cheering, clapping, bells and horns.

A few curious spectators wandered among the tables to watch, but future hosts may not need stadium seating.

How to play it

Go is a strategic board game for two players that originated in ancient China.

Two players alternately place black and white pieces known as 'stones' on vacant intersections of a 19 x 19 line grid.

The objective of the game is to control a larger part of the board than the opponent by placing stones where the opponent's stones cannot surround them and thus be removed from the board.

Singapore's Pooh Chuan Ling Karen was competing for Singapore, and has bright hopes for the future of the game.

"If you're just watching, Go may seem boring, but if you're playing, you see how challenging and fun it is," said Karen, who felt Go deserved to be part of the official canon.

Undefeated

Karen, 20, beat 40 other women to win the Singapore qualifying tournament for the SEA Games, and was undefeated as of Sunday.

She has been playing Go since she was eight, under the influence of her father, who plays it every day with his friends.

"I try to play as often as I can, when school doesn't get in the way," said Karen, who is studying to be a psychologist.

She attends at least 10 competitions in Singapore every year, and tries to make as many international ones as she can.

"Once you beat somebody, you're much more motivated to practice," she said. *AP*

Pagunsan loses steam

Finishes second after bogey-marred round

BANGKOK—LOCAL HERO PRAyad Marksaeng secured an emotional triumph at the season-ending Volvo Masters of Asia on Sunday and later dedicated his victory to the King of Thailand.

The 41-year-old Prayad birdied the 18th hole at Thai Country Club in a roller-coaster three-under-par 69 and won the $750,000 Asian Tour finale by one shot over overnight leader Juvic Pagunsan and England's Chris Rodgers, who both bogeyed the closing hole for a 75 and 68 respectively.

PAGUNSAN REUTERS

China's Liang Wen-chong was crowned the UBS Order of Merit champion after nearest rival Chapchai Nirat of Thailand failed to secure the win that was needed to lift Asia's number one mantle.

Liang, who won once and posted eight other top-10s, completed his magical season with a haul of $532,590 with Chapchai finishing in second place.

After securing his sixth triumph in the region, a tearful Prayad dedicated the victory to the King and also to Supphaphorn Maphungphong, the Thai ace who passed away two weeks ago.

"I would like to dedicate this win to the King (who celebrated his 80th birthday this week) and Khun Supphaphorn, who was my coach," said Prayad, who was amazingly the only player to birdie the 18th hole during the final round.

"This is certainly the biggest win of my career."

Prayad, who totaled 13-under-par 275 and earned a check of $135,000, produced several Houdini-like escapes on the back nine.

With Pagusan, who led by four shots overnight, slipping up with an outward 40, the Thai got out of some sticky situations to stay in contention.

A disappointed Pagunsan, searching for his second win of the year, showed signs of nerves as he struggled on the outward nine with four bogeys but fought back with birdies on 10 and 12.

Walking up the 18th, he was tied with Prayad but sent his eight iron approach into the bunker and splashed his third shot 12 feet beyond the flag.

"I bogeyed the last hole again and it was costly (he bogeyed the 18th three times during the week)," said Pagunsan. "My approach did not connect properly and it went into the bunker.

"I played very badly on the front nine. At that stage I thought this tournament was not going to be mine, it is for Prayad. I am happy for him. That is golf."

Rodgers produced his best finish of the year but rued a missed opportunity. The Englishman charged into the title hunt with five birdies through 16 holes before carding a bogey on the last when an errant drive found the fairway bunker. *Asian Tour News*

Thinking about hair restoration?
Go where the doctors go......
PINEDAHAIR

BEFORE
AFTER

BEFORE hair transplant
6 mos. AFTER 2,600 grafts (about 6,000 hairs)

We at Pineda Hair Clinics specialize in hair transplants. Dr. Pineda is a Beverly Hills trained hair transplant surgeon and has done over 4000 patients himself:

We specialize in Hair Problems:
- We reconstruct eyebrows, sideburns, moustache
- We cover scars on hair bearing areas
- We recreate natural looking hairlines
- We restore bald and thinning areas

We use the latest techniques:
- Follicular unit transplant
- Multi-linear hairline grafts
- Up to 3000 plus grafts in 1 session
- Trichophytic closure
- No bandage after surgery
- May shower after 8 hours

Our results are:
• Permanent • Maintenance free • Grows naturally using your own hair
Call now to schedule your consultation with the doctor himself.

PINEDAHAIR CLINICS

MAKATI
Medical Towers Makati
Room 612, Rufino Street
(02) 813 0691

www.pinedahair.com

DAVAO
Galaxy Arcade, 2nd Floor
Illustre Street, Davao City
(082) 221 2682

Ateneo, Holy Child rule Best hoops

JERON Alvin Teng (right) of Xavier drives past Amer Bacer of Holy Child School of Davao.

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY AND Holy Child School of Davao emerged victorious in the national finals of the 2007 Milo-Best Center SBP-Passerelle held recently in Iloilo City.

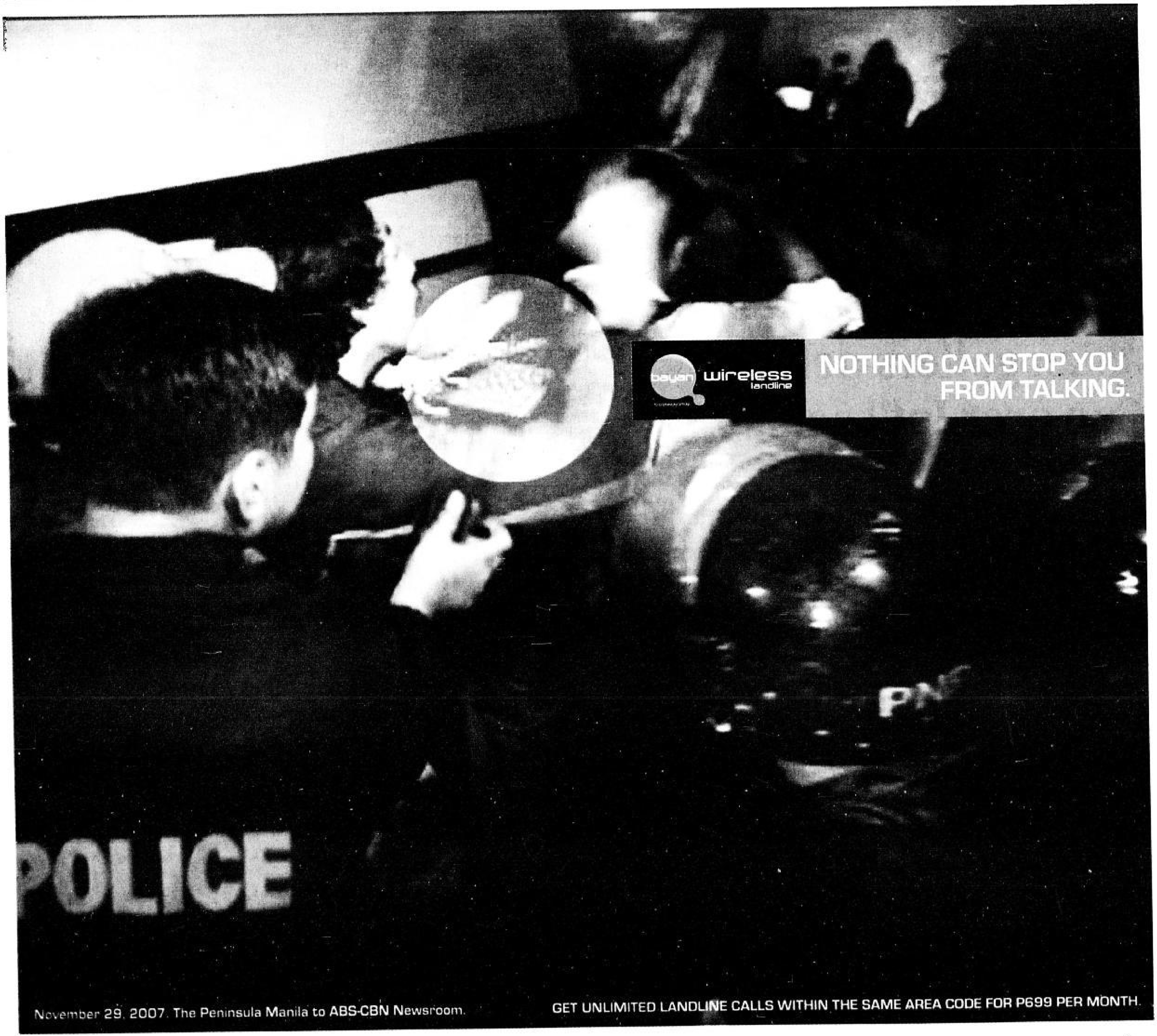
Ateneo crowned itself the national champions of the SBP division after hacking out a clinical 56-41 win over Sacred Heart School-Jesuit.

The Blue Eaglets, who broke the game wide open with an early 26-2 lead, unloaded a balanced production that saw Mark Gamboa, Michael Joseph Nieto, Antonio Asistio, Javier Consunji, and Emilio Puno scoring six points or more.

Davao-based Holy Child, meanwhile, prevented a complete dominance by the NCR teams as it drubbed Xavier School, 72-58, for the Passerelle division title. Bacer Amer fired 19 points for Holy Child.

Pacquiao told: Learn from Hatton loss

FILIPINO SUPERSTAR MANNY Pacquiao is better off at the super featherweight division and Ricky Hatton's loss to Floyd Mayweather yesterday may have provided the perfect argument. Cebu City sports chair and councilor Sylvan Jakosalem said Hatton's decision to climb the welterweight ranks to fight Mayweather may have led to the Briton's defeat (***See related story on A33***). Pacquiao is set to challenge WBC super featherweight champion Juan Manuel Marquez on March 15 in Las Vegas, but is also entertaining thoughts of moving up in weight. ***Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor***



November 29, 2007. The Peninsula Manila to ABS-CBN Newsroom.
GET UNLIMITED LANDLINE CALLS WITHIN THE SAME AREA CODE FOR P699 PER MONTH.

www.koreanair.com
Excellence in Connection
Enjoy the Best First Class Service
in the World
Excellence in Flight
KOREAN AIR
Reservation Center, Manila: 893-4909

BUSINESS
Website: www.inquirer.net/business
Editor Raul O. Marcelo • Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma
Text us your feedback: inquirer biz name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) E-mail: business@inquirer.com.ph

hp invent
HP 2210b Business Notebook
Ideal mobility and versability
- 1.68kg
- 12.1 inch diagonal wxGA display with anti-glare
- Intel Core 2Duo processors
- HP 3D Drive guard
Call us now for more info
INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.
+632 727 3801 | 744 3000 www.ics.com.ph

2007 economic growth seen at 6.9%-7.3%

Boost from higher gov't spending, farm sector

By Michelle V. Remo

FOLLOWING ITS BETTER-than-expected performance in the first three quarters of the year, the economy is now projected to grow between 6.9 and 7.3 percent for 2007, beating the government's official target.

The estimate was made by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC), an interagency body that sets the government's economic targets and policies.

A source from the DBCC said the full-year growth forecast took into account the robust economic performance as of September that was, in turn, bolstered by increased government spending and personal consumption.

"There's a list of policy reforms that influenced the forecast, such as higher spending for infrastructure and programs by the Department of Agriculture to improve farm production," the official said.

2007 ECONOMIC/ B2

IN THIS ISSUE

DFNN subsidiary acquires gaming firm for $2.5M /B2

Ambuklao, Binga plants up for rehab /B5

Bayan to launch mobile service in May 2008

By Riza T. Olchondra

BAYAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS WILL FInally launch its cellular service in May next year and may offer it on top of its wireless landline service.

"We are prepared to launch it next year. It could be offered on top of our CDMA-based wireless landline using GSM signal," Bayan chief executive Tunde Fafunwa told reporters. "Our main product is still wireless landline. We will allot only about 10 to 15 percent of our wireless landline budget to cellular expansion."

The company is earmarking P1.5 billion to P2 billion a year for the next two to three years for its wireless landline service. The expansion will include additional network base stations, telecommunication infrastructure backbone and support systems.

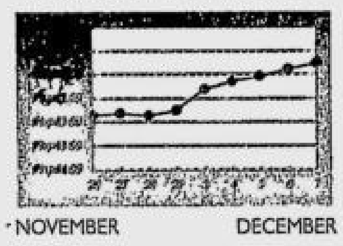
Bayan's wireless landline service runs on CDMA technology, which is the basis of 3G. The service combines the features of a traditional fixed line and cellular phone.

The service has the standard features of a mobile phone such as voice call and text messaging, directory, caller ID, stopwatch, timer and call logs. It also allows text messaging to Bayan subscribers and existing mobile phone users of other telecommunication companies using GSM technology.

At present, Bayan has rolled out its service to the cities of Marikina, Manila, Caloocan, Pasay and Pasig, as well as to key cities in Visayas and Mindanao.

INDICATORS

CURRENCIES



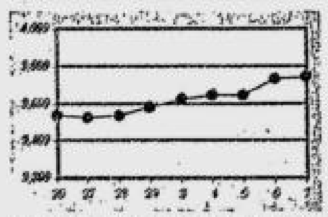
PESO-DOLLAR RATE

P41.74 = $1

As of 5 p.m., Dec. 7, 2007

STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



(See stock market report on Page B8)

Stocks seen to rise

THE STOCK MARKET IS EXPECTED TO RISE this week as investors start window-dressing and bet on fresh cuts in borrowing costs in the United States, some analysts said.

Window-dressing refers to a strategy used by mutual fund and portfolio managers and companies near the end of the year or a quarter to improve the appearance of their portfolio, fund performance or share price.

Jovis Vistan of AB Capital Securities said the US Federal Open Market Committee decision on interest rates would set the tone for market trades during the remainder of the year.

"Sentiments have been boosted last week by expectations of a possible 50-basis-point cut on Dec. 11. Anything less than that could disappoint and be used as a reason to take profits," Vistan said.

"The market is hoping that an aggressive cut by the Fed will also move the hands of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to make a similar action," he added.

The BSP will have its last policy-setting meeting on interest rates for the year on Dec. 20.

Vistan said stocks also got a big boost last week when US President George W. Bush announced a plan allowing some homeowners facing foreclosure to freeze their

STOCKS/ B2

The Mitsubishi
CHRISTMAS
TREATS
ADVENTURE
Adventure
LANCER
Lancer
FUZION
Fuzion

Low Downpayment
as low as
P85,000
Lancer GLX M/T
P70,000
Adventure GLX Diesel
P100,000
Fuzion GLX

and

Get a Mitsubishi
Christmas Value Certificate
Lancer GLX M/T P52,000
Adventure GLX Diesel P15,000
Fuzion GLX P12,500
Christmas Value Certificate
may be applied to any of the following:
✓ 3 yrs. LTO Registration
✓ Chattel Mortgage
✓ Insurance Premium
✓ Accessories

or

Avail any of our
Zero Interest Plans*
Lancer GLX or GLS CVT
Adventure GLS Sport Dsl.
for as long as 36 months
Fuzion GLX
for as long as 24 months
*50% Downpayment

It's so easy to get one this Christmas with Mitsubishi's EASY OWN PLANS

Model	SRP	DP	12	18	24	36	48	60
Fuzion GLX	950,500	100,000	72,412	49,561	39,518	28,162	22,537	19,400
Fuzion GLS Sport	1,150,000	130,000	87,657	59,995	47,837	34,090	27,281	23,485

Model	SRP	DP	12	18	24	36	48	60	72
Lancer 1.6 GLX M/T	695,000	85,000	53,494	36,613	29,186	20,799	16,644	14,328	12,903
Lancer 1.6 GLS CVT	768,000	90,000	58,539	40,066	31,947	22,766	18,219	15,684	14,124

Model	SRP	DP	12	18	24	36	48	60	72
Adventure GLX - Diesel	773,000	70,000	58,740	40,204	32,059	22,847	18,283	15,739	14,174
Adventure GLS Sport - Diesel	840,000	70,000	64,115	43,882	34,989	24,934	19,954	17,177	15,469
Adventure Super Sport - [illegible]	883,000	120,000	67,520	46,213	36,845	26,257	21,012	18,088	16,289
Adventure GLS Sport Gas A/T	893,000	120,000	68,414	46,825	37,331	26,603	21,289	18,327	16,504

- All plans subject to bank approval.
- Available through Banco de Oro, BPI Family Bank, PhilAm Bank, PS Bank, RCBC Savings Bank and Union Bank.
- Other irresistible Easy-Own Plans are also available for other Mitsubishi models.
- Table shown is for the low downpayment only.

Promo ends December 29, 2007

Color may vary from actual unit.
See your nearest Mitsubishi dealer now!
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 5858, Series of 2007

METRO MANILA DEALERS: CITIMOTORS, INC – Makati (Main) Tel. Nos. 892-0331 to 39 / 817-0495 CITIMOTORS, INC – Alabang Tel. No. 494-2601 to 03 CITIMOTORS, INC – Las Pinas Tel. Nos. 875-1745 / 873-6503 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. – Ortigas (Main) Tel. Nos. 727-0351 to 75 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. – Valle Verde Tel. Nos. 671-9590 to 94 DIAMOND MARCOS HIGHWAY, INC. Tel. Nos. 645-4801 to 05 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. – Quezon Avenue Tel. Nos. 372-3901 to 15 DIAMOND SERVICE SATELLITE CORP. (DSSC) Tel. Nos. 418-2945 / 935-3731 / 935-3733 DCT HOLDINGS INC. – Edsa Balintawak Tel. Nos. 330-8801 to 05 PEAK MOTORS – Manila Bay Tel. Nos. 556-0415 / 556-0646 UNION MOTOR CORP. – Paco (Main) Tel. Nos. 563-8461 to 85 / 563-8461 to 67 UNION MOTOR CORP. – Kalookan Tel. Nos. 364-20-61 to 69 LUZON DEALERS: AMCAR AUTOMOTIVE CORP. Tel. Nos. (02) 420-8057 to 58 CALEB MOTOR CORP. Tel. Nos. (02) 250-8057 / (054) 811-6119 CARWORLD, INC. – San Fernando, Pampanga (Main) Tel. Nos. (045)963-1111 / 961-1508 / 963-2601 / 963-7772 / 961-1508 CARWORLD, INC. – Malolos Tel. Nos. (044) 711-2895 to 97 / 933-0027 CARWORLD, INC. – Marilao Tel. Nos. (044) 791-2405 / 791-2406 / 662-3865 / 791-1995 CARWORLD, INC. – Olongapo Tel. Nos. (047) 222-3743 / 224-4307 CARWORLD, INC. – Tarlac City, Tarlac Tel. Nos. (045) 982-5551 to 53 / 982-4640 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES OF BALIUAG CORP. Tel. Nos. (044) 673-4083 to 85 / 766-4235 / 299-8247 to 48 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES OF CABANATUAN CORP. (Main) Tel. Nos. (044) 463-1391 / 463-8390 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES OF CABANATUAN CORP. – Isabela Tel. Nos. (078) 682-8401 JABEZ MOTOR CORP. Tel. Nos. (02) 529-8106 / (046) 416-5966 / 850-0119 / 416-5990 / 850-1681 MOTORPLAZA, INC. – Calasiao (Main) Tel. Nos. (075) 517-3060 / 517-5635 MOTORPLAZA, INC. – Baguio Tel. Nos. (074) 300-3571 / 446-0157 MOTORPLAZA, INC. – La Union Tel. Nos. (072) 700-3834 / 700-3835 MOTORPLAZA, INC. – Urdaneta Tel. Nos. (075) 568-2502 / 568-3312 SFM SALES CORP. – San Pablo (Main) Tel. Nos. (049) 562-0690 to 91 / 562-8569 SFM SALES CORP. – Lipa Tel. Nos. (043) 756-1018 VISAYAS DEALERS: AVESCOR MOTORS, INC. Tel. Nos. (033) 337-4455 / 337-6488 to 87 AVESCOR MOTORS OF BACOLOD Tel. Nos. (034) 435-2111 to 14 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. – Cebu (Main) Tel. Nos. (032) 345-2131 to 33 / 420-5777 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP – Cebu South Tel. Nos. (032) 261-8385 / 261-7365 / 261-7126 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. – Dumaguete Tel. Nos. (035) 225-1427 to 29 / 225-6925 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. – Tacloban Tel. Nos. (053) 323-2379 to 80 / 323-2520 / 323-3724 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. – Tagbilaran Tel. Nos. (038) 411-5814 to 15 / 411-2861 MINDANAO DEALERS: FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. – Butuan Tel. Nos. (085) 815-3089 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. – Cagayan de Oro Tel. Nos. (088) 856-1546 KARASIA, INC – Bajada (Main) Tel. Nos. (082) 222-1111 to 16 KARASIA, INC. – Tagum Tel. Nos. (084) 217-3582 MINDANAO INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. Nos. (083) 552-7681 to 82 / 552-4781 / 302-0586 ZAMBOANGA MOTORS INC. Tel. Nos. (062) 991-2199 / 991-2138 / 991-2250 / 993-0786

MITSUBISHI MOTORS
Drive Inspired
www.mitsubishi-motors.com.ph

DFNN subsidiary acquires gaming firm for $2.5M

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

A UNIT OF LISTED INFORMAtion technology solutions provider DFNN Inc. said it has acquired 33 percent of Interactive Entertainment Technology Solutions (IEST) for $2.5 million.

IEST is a local firm with management based in Singapore, according to sources familiar with the deal said. It is involved in event, sports and financial spread betting and has contracts to provide equipment and software to state gaming regulator Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor).

The acquisition was made through DFNN's Singapore-based subsidiary Pacific Gaming Investments Inc. (PGI), which bough 33.3 percent of IEST.

With the purchase, PGI obtained management control of IEST. DFNN also has an option to acquire the remaining 66.6 percent upon the listing of PGI on a stock exchange.

"PGI has also begun due diligence on a number of cash flow-positive and operational slot machine arcades in Cambodia and the Philippines with the end goal of acquiring these arcades," said DFNN and PGI chair Ramon Garcia Jr.

Garcia said that wireless sports betting, particularly using mobile phones, has been growing at a phenomenal rate in Europe, while somewhat absent in the Asian market. DFNN, through PGI, will provide the gaming software expertise and marketing tie-ups in various Asian countries.

"Major mobile phone providers are at the forefront of this technological change," added Garcia. He said that in 2002, Orange, the wireless mobile phone operator in the United Kingdom, signed an agreement with ukbetting.com, an online bookmaker, to be the network's first wireless betting provider. ukbetting.com is now part of the Skybet.com.

Financial "spread betting" is another area that shows great promise for the company, Garcia said. By far the largest portion of wireless betting in the United Kingdom concerns financial instruments. "Investors" can use their cell phones to wager on the movement of a stock, currency, or commodity almost anywhere in the world. Wager amounts are small, but can offer large returns.

Pricing pollution

NO FREE LUNCH

Cielito F. Habito

BALI, INDONESIA—THE STRUGGLE against climate change has come of age. Government officials and nongovernment stakeholders from all over the world have descended on this resort island since last week to discuss an issue that has gained the attention of heads of state and CEOs in a way that it never did before. Thanks perhaps to the Nobel Peace Prize awarded recently to the UN Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change and former US Vice President Al Gore, talking about climate change is now "in"—and doing something about it has become a serious part of the agenda of governments, corporations and communities alike.

Rising carbon

At the root of the problem is the continuously rising concentration of various "greenhouse gases" (GHGs), most notably carbon dioxide (CO2), in the earth's atmosphere. In the same way that the walls of a greenhouse trap warmth inside, this greenhouse effect on the atmosphere has led to global warming, rising sea level, and shifting weather patterns. The biggest culprit is the emission of CO2 from the burning of petroleum fuels in various human activities propelling our economies, from power generation to the running of motor vehicles and airplanes. The scientific evidence is rather compelling. Carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere has taken a steep upturn in the last few decades alone, and if unabated, will rise even more steeply. Meanwhile, a clear correlation has been established between CO2 concentration and average temperatures in the atmosphere.

The obvious solution is to reduce these GHG-emitting activities around the world, especially where they happen the most. That is what countries agreed to do in Kyoto, Japan, 10 years ago, and clear targets were set to reduce GHG emissions to below 1990 levels by 2010. But the US, the runaway biggest source of GHGs, under a defiant President George W. Bush who declared that the American way of life (unsustainable as it is) is non-negotiable, refuses to affirm the Kyoto Protocol.

Command and control

One of the most notable outcomes of the climate change discussions in Kyoto is the now wide recognition that in mitigating environmentally damaging human activities, management by prices is superior to management by control. That is, traditional command-and-control approaches have been giving way to more efficient and more effective market-based approaches—also known as economic instruments—as the favored method for curtailing environmentally degrading economic activities.

In the traditional command-and-control approach, environmental standards are imposed on producers, in the form of maximum allowable discharges of known pollutants into the atmosphere or waterways. This could be done by imposing a common emission limit on all plants in a given industry, or imposing firm-specific or industry sector-specific limits, or imposing on all producers a standard technology that meets the limits. Exceeding the imposed limits would be punishable by closure and steep fines.

Inefficient, ineffective

The problem with the traditional command-and-control approach is that it limits the freedom of affected producers to choose their method of compliance with the standards. This tends to make compliance more expensive than it needs to be. As a punitive approach, it is thus not only costlier to enforce; it is also costlier to comply with. Furthermore, there is no incentive on the part of the producer to reduce pollution further below the set emission target. And where governance is weak (as in you-know-where), enforcement is likely to be selective (for a price, of course).

On the other hand, economic instruments minimize costs by maximizing flexibility of responses by producers. Two possible approaches may be employed here: a price approach, which puts a price on emissions (e.g. a carbon tax) and producers adjust the quantity (level of emissions); or a quantity approach, where government sets a maximum allowed quantity of pollution (e.g. CO2 emissions), and the price of the "permit to pollute" is allowed to adjust according to supply and demand.

No junket

The former raises the cost of the process/product, reducing demand for it and thereby naturally reducing emissions. But it also encourages polluters to seek ways to reduce emissions that cost less than the tax. The latter has the same effect as mandating a standard, with the difference that the allocated quantity target can be bought and sold. Polluters are free to seek the best way to comply with the target. And like the carbon tax, the price of the permit has the same effect of leading the polluter to seek cheaper ways to cut emissions or reduce atmospheric CO2 levels, thereby lowering costs for all—and possibly yielding more cuts than what is needed to simply meet the target emission levels.

There are two downsides, however. A country imposing economic instruments may hurt its industrial competitiveness relative to other countries who don't. There is also the "carbon leakage" effect, where reducing CO2 emissions in one country may only lead to increases elsewhere, as high-carbon production activities relocate where no controls are in place. But both effects would not be a problem if all countries agree to do the same thing.

That is why Bali should be far more than an exotic beach junket for the government participants who are there now for the climate change conference.

Comments welcome at chabito@ateneo.edu

2007 economic growth …

From page B1

For 2008, the technical group of the DBCC expects the economy to grow by 6.3 to 7 percent, slower than this year's forecast. But the economy's growth is seen to accelerate again to between 6.4 and 7.1 percent in 2009, and to 6.7-7.5 percent in 2010.

The country's gross domestic product grew by 7.1 percent in the first three quarters of this year from the same period last year. This was stronger than the government's target for 2007 of 6.1 to 6.7 percent.

Of the major sectors of the economy, services recorded the fastest growth at 7.2 percent in the third quarter. The services sector includes the booming business process outsourcing (BPO) industry.

The latest GDP growth was despite rising oil prices in the world market that was feared to accelerate increases in prices of basic goods and dampen spending.

Augusto Santos, acting director general of the National Economic and Development Authority, said the rise in oil prices was not expected to restrain spending because the appreciation of the peso has been cushioning the inflationary effects.

Based on the economic assumptions used in crafting the government's budget and fiscal program for the year, the peso was conservatively estimated to settle at an average of 47-49 to a dollar this year.

The official foreign exchange projection did not materialize, as the weakening dollar and the increase in remittances and investments led the peso to outperform most expectations. The peso, which appreciated against the dollar by about 11 percent in January to September from a year ago, recently touched the 41-to-$1 territory.

Although the peso was helpful in tempering inflation, exporters have complained that the sharp rise of the local currency has made Philippine-made goods more expensive and therefore less competitive in the global market.

Exports grew by only 4.9 percent to $37.2 billion in the first three quarters from a year ago, prompting economic officials to admit that the official exports growth target of 11 percent for the year was no longer attainable.

Stocks …

From page B1

interest rates for up to five years and refinance their mortgages.

The plan is expected to help about 10 percent or 1.2 million US subprime borrowers.

"These borrowers can still afford to make their mortgage payments but may not be able to do so once their loans reprice upward later. The US Mortgage Bankers Association reported last week that foreclosures hit a record high in the third quarter," Vistan said. *Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson*

riverview Resort & Conference Center
Makati Line: (02) 893-5074 to 75
Manila Line: (02) 420-8507
Calamba: (049) 545-3421 to 24
Website: www.riverview.com.ph
Resort & Conference Center
Calamba - in the heart of Calabarzon

BED & BREAKFAST PROMO
P1,899 - De Luxe Room
P2,199 - Jr. Executive Room
P2,399 - Executive Room

SEMINAR PACKAGE
P 980 - Platinum
P 785 - Gold
P 695 - Silver

TRADERS QUALITY PRODUCTS
SOFT ICE CREAM MACHINE, JAPANESE CAKE LPG COOKER, INFRARED LPG COOKER, MEAT BONE SAW MACHINE, MEAT GRINDER, SCALES, BIBINGKA OVEN
SUPER CAKE MIXER 7L, 10L, 20L, 30L, 40L
SPIRAL MIXER 20L, 30L, 50L, 68L
WATER PUMP JET PUMP 1/2 Hp, 3/4 Hp, 1Hp ISO 9002 CERTIFIED
"TRADERS" High Pressure washer 1.5HP Popcorn machine, sugarcane presser, hotdog roller, deep fryer, meat slicer, electric griddle juice extractor
We also carry:
Industrial & Household Appliances, Pump (Goulds, Myers, Showfou & Traders)
Bakery Equipments (Gas oven, Bread slicer, Bread warmer & waffle maker)
Food Equipments (Cotton Candy Machine, Juice Dispenser, Kitchen Aid Mixer, All American Pressure Cooker, West Bend Coffee Maker & Coleman products)
BEST PRICE MULTI SALES CORP.
727 Ilaya St., Binondo Manila
Tels.: 245-0275 • 244-5551 • 245-0274 • 245-0290
Telefax No.: 247-7087
E-mail address: vianmatt@yahoo.com.ph

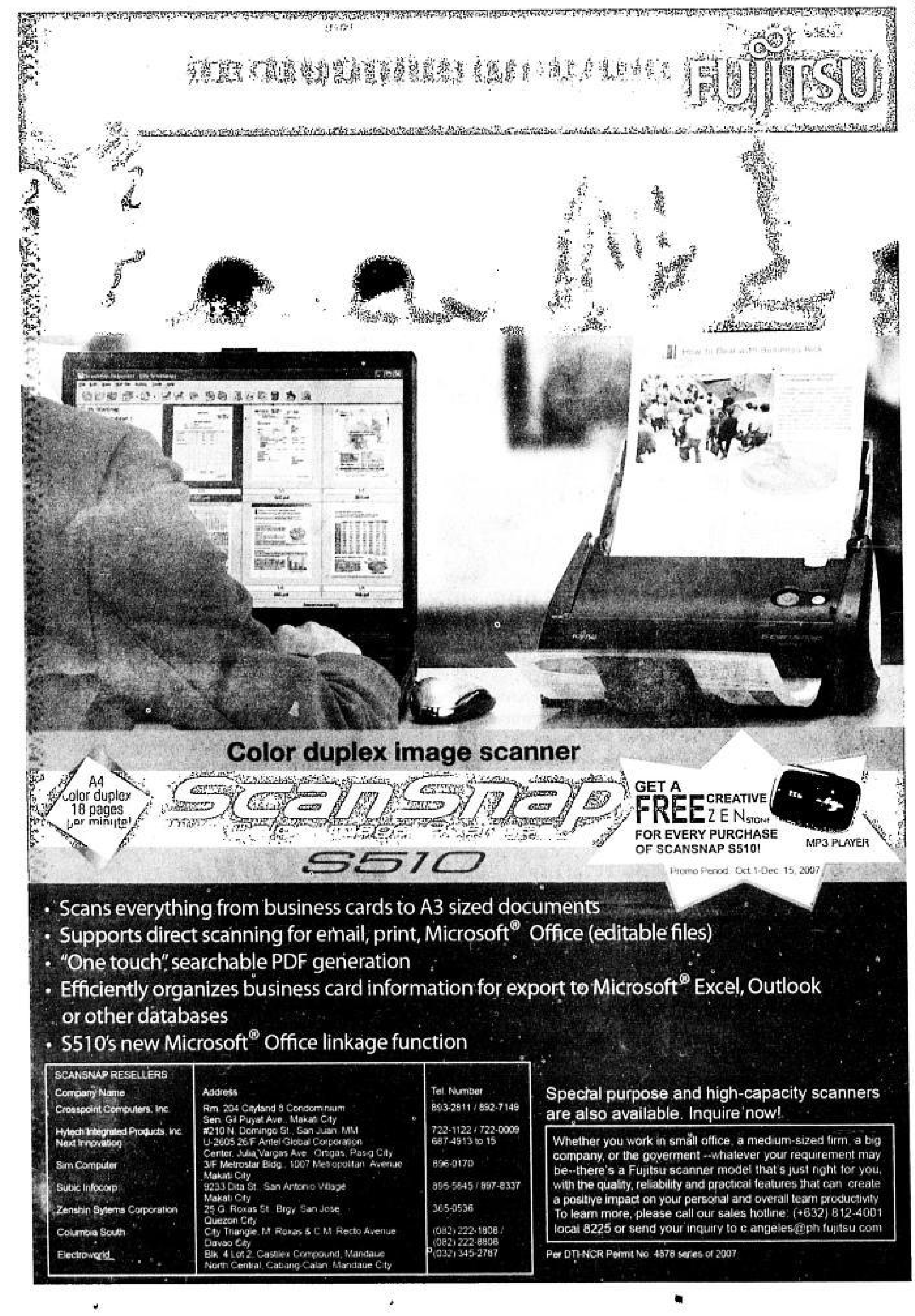
AS LOW AS ₱250 FAX REPAIR
OFFICE EQUIPMENTS REPAIR
ALL BRANDS, ALL MODELS
FAX MACHINES, PRINTERS, MONITORS, CALCULATORS, TYPEWRITERS & OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENTS
Present this coupon and avail of a 15% DISCOUNT
KCS KINGS CYBERSHOP INC
MAKATI CITY 894-2309 843-6630
G/F Aurora Bldg., Quezon Ave., QUEZON CITY 374-7963 374-5296
KINGS G/F ODEON MALL STA. CRUZ, MANILA 734-9945 / 734-9924

Maximize Your Dollar & Peso Growth Potential!
Philam Equitable Life Assurance Company
Preferred Dollar Plus · Preferred Peso Plus · Preferred Multiply · Dollar Multiply

Investment Funds of Variable Life Insurance Contracts	Valuation Date 12/06/07	Valuation Date 11/29/07
PELAC Dollar Bond Fund	1.3180	1.3028
PELAC Global Bond Fund	1.2171	1.2096
PELAC Peso Fixed Income Fund	1.0598	1.0625
PELAC Peso Equity Fund	1.3722	1.3275
PELAC Balanced Fund	1.0202	0.9933

These investment funds are specific to variable life insurance contracts and are not considered mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission.
*Fund prices are net of transaction costs

A HEART ATTACK IS FATAL
BE READY IF IT STRIKES!
OXYLITE PORTABLE OXYGEN
• Handy and Portable
• Ideal for travel
• Imported from U.S.A.
FAR EAST MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
SM MEGAMALL 5th Flr., Bldg. A 635-0436
SM FAIRVIEW Basement 418-7540
FOR INQUIRIES CALL or TEXT: 09228910322
SM NORTH EDSA Car Park Plaza 453-3326
SM MALL of ASIA 2nd Flr. South Parking 556-0207



FUJITSU
Color duplex image scanner
ScanSnap S510
A4 color duplex 18 pages per minute!
GET A FREE CREATIVE ZEN STONE MP3 PLAYER FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF SCANSNAP S510!
Promo Period: Oct 1-Dec 15, 2007
- Scans everything from business cards to A3 sized documents
- Supports direct scanning for email, print, Microsoft® Office (editable files)
- "One touch" searchable PDF generation
- Efficiently organizes business card information for export to Microsoft® Excel, Outlook or other databases
- S510's new Microsoft® Office linkage function

SCANSNAP RESELLERS

Company Name	Address	Tel. Number
Crosspoint Computers, Inc.	Rm. 204 Cityland 8 Condominium Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City	893-2811 / 892-7149
Hytech Integrated Products, Inc. Next Innovation	#210 N. Domingo St., San Juan, MM U-2605 26/F Antel Global Corporation Center, Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas, Pasig City	722-1122 / 722-0009 687-4913 to 15
Sim Computer	3/F Metrostar Bldg., 1007 Metropolitan Avenue Makati City	896-0170
Subic Infocorp	9233 Dita St., San Antonio Village Makati City	895-5645 / 897-8337
Zenshin Sytems Corporation	25 G. Roxas St., Brgy. San Jose Quezon City	365-0536
Columbia South	City Triangle, M. Roxas & C.M. Recto Avenue Davao City	(082) 222-1808 / (082) 222-8808
Electroworld	Blk. 4 Lot 2, Castilex Compound, Mandaue North Central, Cabang-Calan, Mandaue City	(032) 345-2787

Special purpose and high-capacity scanners are also available. Inquire now!
Whether you work in small office, a medium-sized firm, a big company, or the goverment --whatever your requirement may be--there's a Fujitsu scanner model that's just right for you, with the quality, reliability and practical features that can create a positive impact on your personal and overall team productivity. To learn more, please call our sales hotline: (+632) 812-4001 local 8225 or send your inquiry to c.angeles@ph.fujitsu.com
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4878 series of 2007

SPECIAL PRICE CALL 722-8888 OR TEXT (0927)2501581 FOR SALES AND SERVICE
EMERGENCY LINES: • Mktg:382-4063 • Acctg:382-4536 • Service: 382-4256 •
RICOH Aficio MP 1500 DIGITAL COPIER 15 PPM P49,950
Canon imageRUNNER IR1022 22 pages per minute. Digital Copier, Duplex Printer & Color Scanner 22 ppm P39,950.00
olivetti PLAIN-PAPER FAX MACHINES FAX-LAB 210 P6,250 OFX-560 P5,650
intimus EUROPEAN MADE OVERHEAD PROJECTORS 551 P9,950 DL/C P24,950
OFFICE
CCTV SYSTEM GDV-04A STAND-ALONE FOUR CHANNEL DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER 80Gig - P 28,000 200Gig - P 35,000
SANYO TIME LAPSE GTL-924 P 8,500
MEDIA DESTROYER MD-800 Shreds papers, CDs, floppy disks & credit cards Shred Type: Cross-Cut Shred Width: 4 x 32 mm P4,950
CALCULATOR 8112 DP P2,950
CURRENCY COUNTER - Heavy Duty Features - Best for Banking Systems, Foreign Currency Changers, etc. P9,950 MR-051E P12,950 MR-071E
CHECK WRITER DB-310 - LCD Display - Built in Five Different Currency Symbols P4,950
TIME RECORDER CS-816 ₱11,550 CS-565A ₱12,750
Exclusive Distributor ELITE MACHINES, INC. www.elitemachinesinc.com
HEAD OFFICE 1465 Golden Building, E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City (BESIDE KAMUNING BRIDGE) CALL 722-8888
CEBU BRANCH Espiritu Building, 33 Gen. Maxilom Ave., Cebu City (032) 2336711 to 16 Fax: (032) 2336718 or 25
AUTHORIZED DEALERS:
GOLDSTAR OFFICE MACHINES AUTOMATION CORPORATION PRESS CLUB Bldg. A. Velez cor. A. Luna Sts., Cagayan De Oro City T (08) 857-5795, 857-5388
GOLDSTAR Door 2, Lua Bldg., Quirino Ave. Cor. J.P. Laurel St., Davao City T (082) 2270321-25 F (082) 2270321

Singapore bourse buys 20% equity stake in PDS

By Doris C. Dumlao

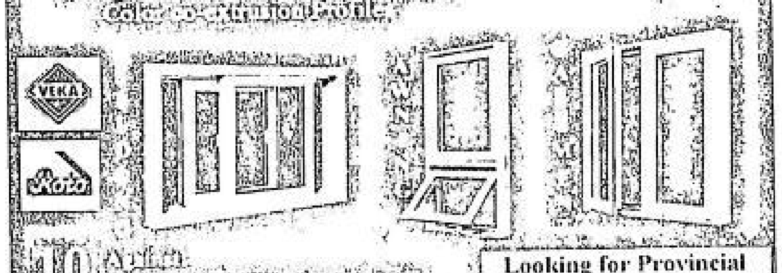
SINGAPORE EXCHANGE LTD. (SGX), Asia Pacific's first demutualized stocks and derivatives exchange, has finalized its acquisition of a 20-percent stake in Philippine Dealing System Holdings Corp.

SGX has signed an agreement to subscribe to 1.5 million shares for P150 million or a par value of P100 each. The capital infusion will be paid in cash and completed by January 2008.

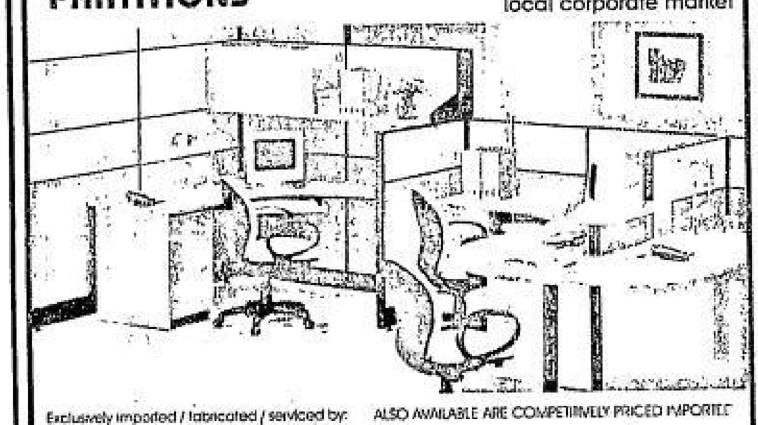
In formalizing its investment, SGX said in its own disclosure that it "took into account the growth potential, future business strategy and asset value of PDS in arriving at the agreed consideration."

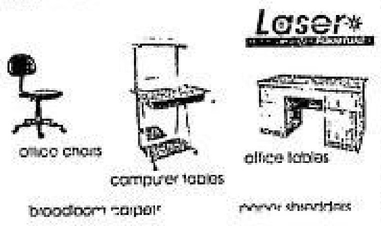
PDS, through its subsidiaries, provides the trading, settlement, depository services and market governance for the local currency government securities interdealer market. It likewise provides the trading platform for the interbank foreign exchange spot market and exercises the sole calculating agency function for the official interest rate and spot foreign exchange benchmarks.

Current PDS owners will also amend their existing shareholders' agreement to reflect the new investment of SGX.



Attention: Architect & Developers
FourlinQ
uPVC Windows & Doors
FREE ESTIMATE
Guaranteed
Lowest Price & Best Value
Looking for Provincial Partner / Dealer
#2609 New Panaderos St., Sta Ana, Manila tel# 563-5363





MODULAR
OFFICE
PARTITIONS

- sturdy construction
- flexible and customized designs
- wide assortment of materials & colors
- imported powder-coated aluminum frame components
- short fabrication and installation period
- assured after-sales service
- best value for money
- 11-year track record in the local corporate market

Exclusively imported / fabricated / serviced by:
BETTER OFFICE SYSTEM & SPACE PLAN (The B.O.S.S.) Inc.
Head Office - Plant: Ruby Industrial Compound, 479 J. Rizal St., Vergara, Mandaluyong City
e-mail address: gcmcboss@gmail.com
Tel. No.: (632) 5350495 ; 5340903
Telefax: (632) 5317963

ALSO AVAILABLE ARE COMPETITIVELY PRICED IMPORTED
Laser

NOW OPEN
CHINABANK
ORTIGAS COMPLEX BRANCH
ORTIGAS CENTER
MERALCO AVE.
SAPPHIRE RD.
ONYX RD.
GARNET RD.
ORTIGAS AVE.
SAPPHIRE RD.
GARNET RD.
F. ORTIGAS JR. AVE.
(FORMERLY EMERALD AVE.)
RUBY RD.
DOÑA JULIA VARGAS AVE.
TOPAZ RD.
OPAL RD.
A.D.B. AVE.
A.D.B. AVE.

ORTIGAS COMPLEX BRANCH
G/F Padilla Bldg.
F. Ortigas Jr. Avenue
(formerly Emerald Ave.)
Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Branch Head: Grace B. Pangilinan
Tel. Nos. 634-3469; 634-9293 to 94; 631-2772
Fax No. 633-9039

CHINABANK
Since 1920
Your success is our business

A proud member of BancNet
PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
Deposits insured up to P250,000 per depositor

Let your roof down.
PGA CARS

Advancement through Technology I www.audi.ph

Beijing 2008
Audi
Beijing 2008 Official Premium Automobile

Germany's number 1 car in the Compact Class.*
The Audi A3 With Panoramic Sun Roof
Sleek city performer. Open road adventurer. The versatile A3. Dynamic, modern and highly distinctive, the A3 breaks free from the confines of mundane and uninspired motoring. Smoothly combining sporty practicality and eye-catching style, the new Audi A3 will undoubtedly put the fun back in driving.
3.2 V6 and TDI Engines • S-Tronic Transmission • Open Sky System • Quattro All-wheel Drive
* Awarded by the Auto Motor und Sport, Germany's # 1 automotive magazine, for 2007.
Audi Financial Services
Test Drive the Audi A3 at Audi Centre Philippines. 201 EDSA Mandaluyong City. Call 727.0145 Fax: 7240943.
PGA Cars
CAMPI MEMBER

BSP OKs float of $6-B worth of peso T-bonds

Move seen to lower RP foreign obligations

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG Pilipinas has approved the national government's plan to float peso-denominated treasury bonds worth as much as $6 billion (P250 billion) starting early next year.

The T-bond float will match the planned protection scheme for holders of Republic of the Philippines foreign currency-denominated bonds.

This scheme involves the sale of "paired warrants," which will allow ROP investors to convert their holdings into treasury bonds in case of a debt default.

The scheme is expected to attract Philippine banks, which are facing stiff capital charges on their overseas bond holdings with the implementation in the country of the Basel 2 capital adequacy framework.

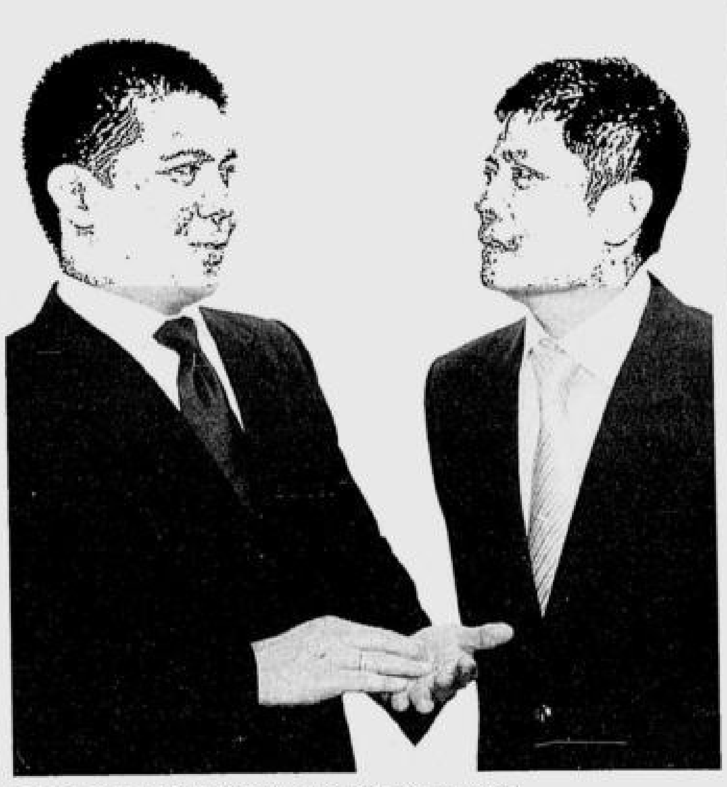
Sources in the government said the central bank had given the Bureau of Treasury the leeway to issue these T-bonds on a staggered basis. The schedule and volume will depend on the demand for the "paired warrants."

The T-bonds issuance is also in line with the government's strategy to reduce offshore obligations and shift to more domestic borrowings.

Based on BSP data, local banks had slashed their holdings of ROPs over the years to only 30 percent of the total offshore debt paper from as much as 60 percent in previous years.

An earlier International Monetary Fund study estimated the banking system's exposure in ROP bonds at 80 percent of the total government bonds. This prompted the IMF to call for diversification to reduce vulnerabilities and help spur investment growth in the country.

For the initial batch of the paired warrants to be sold, investors can exchange an equivalent face value of bonds maturing before September 2016 into peso-denominated 9.125-percent benchmark T-bonds maturing on Sept. 4, 2016.



PUNO, DEFENSOR JOIN GEOGRACE
Lawyer Renato V. Puno (right) and former Natural Resources Secretary Michael Defensor (left) join the Geograce group as it embarks on an aggressive expansion program. Puno was elected chair of mining firm Geograce Resources Phils. Inc. (Geograce) while Defensor was named chair of Geograce Management Hong Kong, which was tapped by Geograce to handle specialized management and technical services.

Landbank to secure $1.12B in new loans next year for priority sectors

By Amy R. Remo

STATE-OWNED LAND BANK OF the Philippines said it would seek $1.12 billion worth of funds, both official development assistance and commercial loans, for lending to its priority sectors.

Landbank is working on a $567-million financing from bilateral partners and multilateral lending institutions for lending to farmers and fisherfolk, and to agribusiness, agri-infrastructure and environment projects.

Portion of the amount will also be used for various economic activities of local governments, cooperatives, small and medium enterprises and microenterprises, which are among the bank's development partners.

According to the bank, the $567-million financing will include an additional loan of EUR 4.74 million for the KfW-LGU Investment Program (LIP).

Started in 2006, Landbank's LIP aims to improve its capacity to provide long-term credits to local government units to contribute to the quantitative and qualitative improvement of local infrastructure.

The total program loan has reached EUR 15 million, which came from the German government through the KfW Development Bank.

Landbank said the infusion would bring the total LIP funds to EUR 19.74 million.

The bank has started implementing the second phase of the LIP which was estimated to cost EUR 7 million.

"We hope to make these programs available in 2008 to improve the LGUs' access to and handling of investment loans for development financing," said Landbank president and CEO Gilda E. Pico.

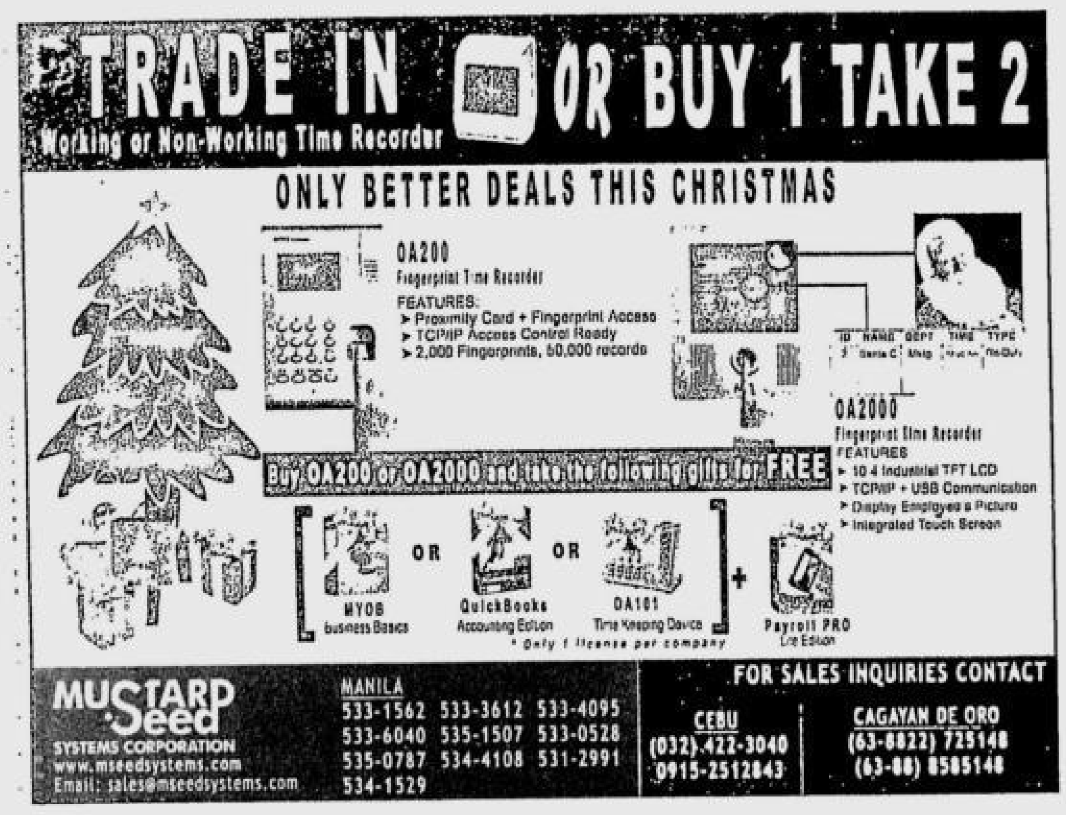
Another financing package in the pipeline is the $150-million support program for agri-enterprise development from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

This is expected to benefit farmers and fisherfolk cooperatives, SMEs and large agri-business projects starting next year.

Landbank said it was also in discussion with KfW and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for a community-based forest and mangrove management project in Panay and Negros Islands.

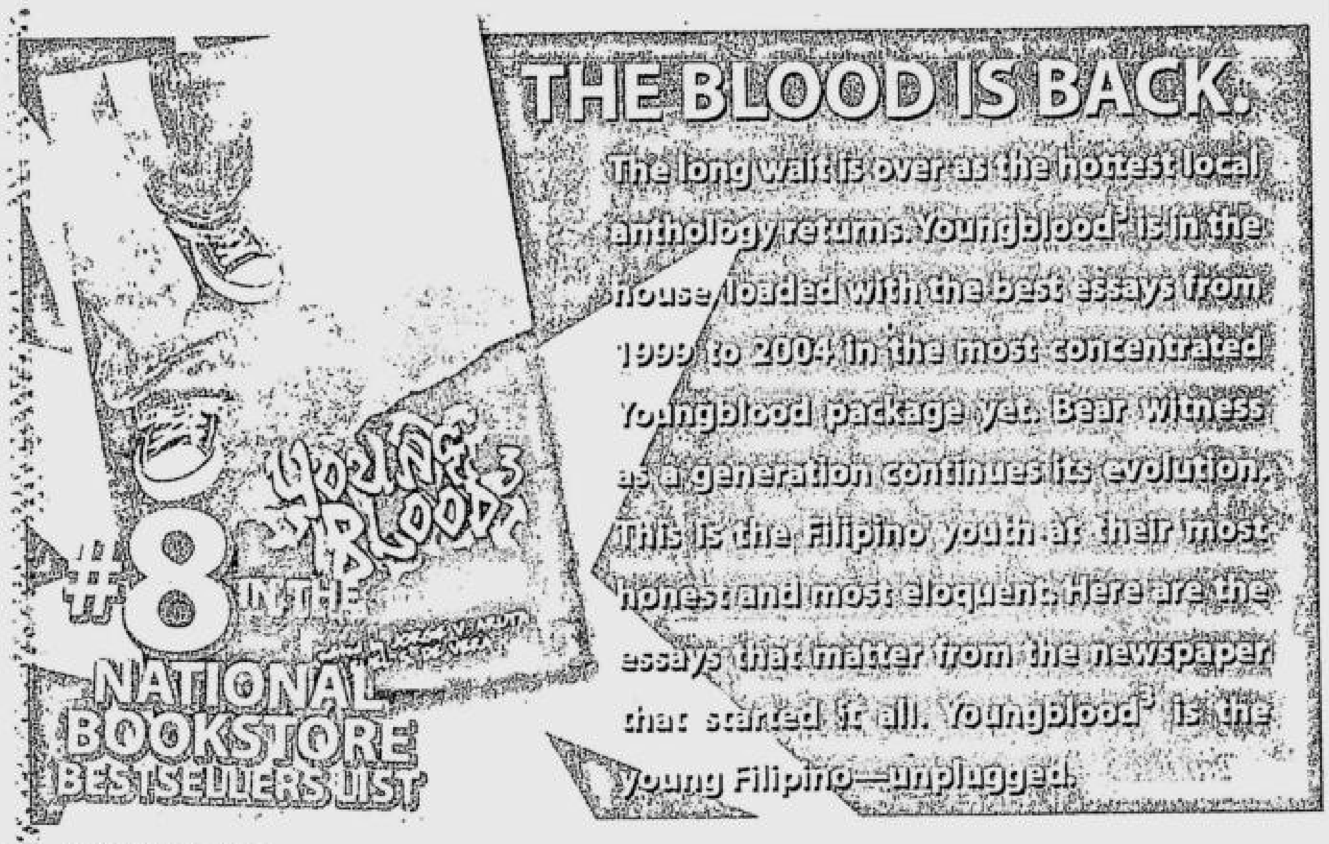
In the meantime, the bank said it was working on another $400 million worth of loans from JBIC (non-ODA), China Development Bank and the European Investment Bank.

CLASSROOM
BOARD ROOM
HOME THEATER
Everything You Need In One Small Package
SD420U
MOBILE SVGA PROJECTOR
• 2100 ANSI Lumens, SVGA
• Contrast Ratio 2000:1
• DLP™ Technology
• 2 Computer Inputs
• USB for Page up / Page down
• Instant Shut-down
• 4,000 lamp hours
• Cinema mode + 16:9 format for home theater
Call to find out how affordable!
MITSUBISHI
MULTI-MEDIA DLP PROJECTOR
Authorized Philippine Distributor and Service Provider:
LINKWORTH INTERNATIONAL INC.
Unit 21 Valero Plaza, 124 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City
Tel. Nos.: 816-4303 • 813-5636 • 812-6870 • 843-2070



TRADE IN Working or Non-Working Time Recorder OR BUY 1 TAKE 2
ONLY BETTER DEALS THIS CHRISTMAS
OA200
Fingerprint Time Recorder
FEATURES:
➤ Proximity Card + Fingerprint Access
➤ TCP/IP Access Control Ready
➤ 2,000 Fingerprints, 50,000 records
OA2000
Fingerprint Time Recorder
FEATURES
➤ 10.4 Industrial TFT LCD
➤ TCP/IP + USB Communication
➤ Display Employee's Picture
➤ Integrated Touch Screen
Buy OA200 or OA2000 and take the following gifts for FREE
MYOB business Basics OR QuickBooks Accounting Edition OR OA101 Time Keeping Device + Payroll PRO Lite Edition
* Only 1 license per company
MUSTARD Seed SYSTEMS CORPORATION
www.mseedsystems.com
Email: sales@mseedsystems.com
FOR SALES INQUIRIES CONTACT
MANILA
533-1562 533-3612 533-4095
533-6040 535-1507 533-0528
535-0787 534-4108 531-2991
534-1529
CEBU
(032) 422-3040
0915-2512843
CAGAYAN DE ORO
(63-8822) 725148
(63-88) 8585148

"Affordable Bakery Equipment"
STATIONARY OVEN
24 PLANCHAS
16 PLANCHAS
12 PLANCHAS
8 PLANCHAS
6 PLANCHAS
4 PLANCHAS
DOUGH KNEADER
8 Kilos 1.5 HP
10 Kilos 2 HP 1/4 BAGGER
15 Kilos 2 HP 1/2 BAGGER
25 Kilos 3 HP 1 BAGGER
BREAD SLICER
MIKI CUTTER
DOUGH ROLLER
4 X 16 / 1.5 HP
4 X 16 / 2.0 HP
5 X 20 / 2.0 HP
ALSO AVAILABLE:
• Stainless Banca • Rotary Oven • Tray Racks • Bread Crusher • Spiral mixer • Baking Sheets • Stainless Worktable • Dough mixer
DURALEX COMMERCIAL
853 Tabora St., Binondo, Manila
Tel.# 247-4482 / 241-9452 TeleFax # 241-9452



THE BLOOD IS BACK.
The long wait is over as the hottest local anthology returns. Youngblood³ is in the house, loaded with the best essays from 1999 to 2004 in the most concentrated Youngblood package yet. Bear witness as a generation continues its evolution. This is the Filipino youth at their most honest and most eloquent. Here are the essays that matter from the newspaper that started it all. Youngblood³ is the young Filipino—unplugged.
#8 IN THE NATIONAL BOOKSTORE BESTSELLERS LIST
Featuring essays by:
Jules Alcantara / Rain Reyes / Jose Leo Lemuel G. Caparas Jr. / Cinnamon Marcelo / Rodney L. Barayuga / Rio Cobcobo / Prairie Dawn / Ron Darvin / Agnes Fidelis C. Gloria-Pinzon / Elaine P. Lim / Purple / Ann Aberin / Squire / Alex Avila / Fitz Gerard Villafuerte / Windi Remmi Mondiguing Tapawan / Pearlsha Abubakar / Biagko / Lou Albano / Angelo Hernandez / Claudette M. Llarena / Connie Gundayao / Maria del Rosario / Karen Mae V. Gican / B / Jerick T. Aguilar / Malou I. Redome / Jen Esguerra / Erin Batac / Ella Reyes / Eder S. Mutuc, M.D. / Donalyne Rasalan Lampa / Carlos Alfonso Q. Santos / Christela Cabreros / Adelfo Cyrus Alanis / Aleja F. Martinez / Zvach / Matthias / Raiza Katrina Abubakar / Jessica Brillantes / Gabriella S. Martelino / Sherie S. Sta. Cruz / Janie S. Cambri / Jonas Soltes / Jael Wenceslao / Paolo L. Azurin / Diana Emlano / Kay Stephanie Veloso / TJ / Dawn Isobel Yu Aquino / Roel A. Andag / Paolo David / Florianne Jimenez
YOUNGBLOOD
Edited by Jorge V. Aruta and Ruel S. De Vera
P395 bookpaper
P150 newsprint
Now available from National Book Store and PowerBooks.
Co-published by
and INQUIRER BOOKS

PRINT SHOP in a BOX
Amazing color printer lets you "do-it-yourself" all printing needs.
Brochures
Flyers
ID cards
Labels
Stickers
Newsletters
Pamphlets
Letterheads
Stationeries
Transparencies
Business cards
and a lot more...
DocuPrint C525 A Color Laser Printer
Fuji Xerox superior color can help you stand out from the crowd.
'Print shop in a box' delivers everything you need for immediate productivity. Produce vivid and high impact professional looking outputs every time. Fuji Xerox superior color lets you capture attention, enhance productivity and improve communication.
Gain all the benefits of a leading edge print-on-demand technology packed in one box at a break-through price.
25 ppm black
5 ppm color
THE DOCUMENT COMPANY
FUJI XEROX
Fuji Xerox Color. It makes business sense.
Present coupon to avail promo.
Color you want 50% OFF Color you can afford!
DocuPrint C2090 FS Color Laser Copier
Print • Copy • Scan • Fax
~~P69,000~~
P31,450
DocuPrint C525 A Color Laser Printer
~~P26,600~~
P13,450
Promo period is from December 10 to 31, 2007
Per DTI-NCR Permit # A3 1013 Series of 2007
Distributed by American Technologies, Inc • Tel 7230801 to 12 • Fax 721 7951 • Website www.ati.com.ph

Ambuklao, Binga plants up for rehab

By Abigail L. Ho

SN ABOITIZ POWER HYDRO INC. (SNAP Hydro), which won the bidding for the 175-megawatt (MW) Ambuklao-Binga hydropower plant package, plans to rehabilitate the facilities to make them run more efficiently and produce more power.

SNAP president Luis Miguel Aboitiz said in an interview that the consortium composed of Manila-Oslo Renewable Enterprise Inc. and SN Power Holding Singapore Pte Ltd. planned to "fix up" the Ambuklao plant to make it run again and produce at least 65 MW of power.

"(The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp.) wants us to fix it. There's no firm investment figure yet, but it'll be cheaper than putting up a new plant since the storehouse is already there. We just need to buy some mechanical equipment and do some construction," he said.

Ambuklao's three 25-MW generating units have not been operating since 2000.

As for the 100-MW Binga plant, Aboitiz said the SNAP Hydro consortium planned to expand it by putting in new turbines that would enable the plant to run more efficiently.

"We can no longer put additional turbines, but what we can do is put new turbines to make the plant more efficient and produce more electricity," he explained.

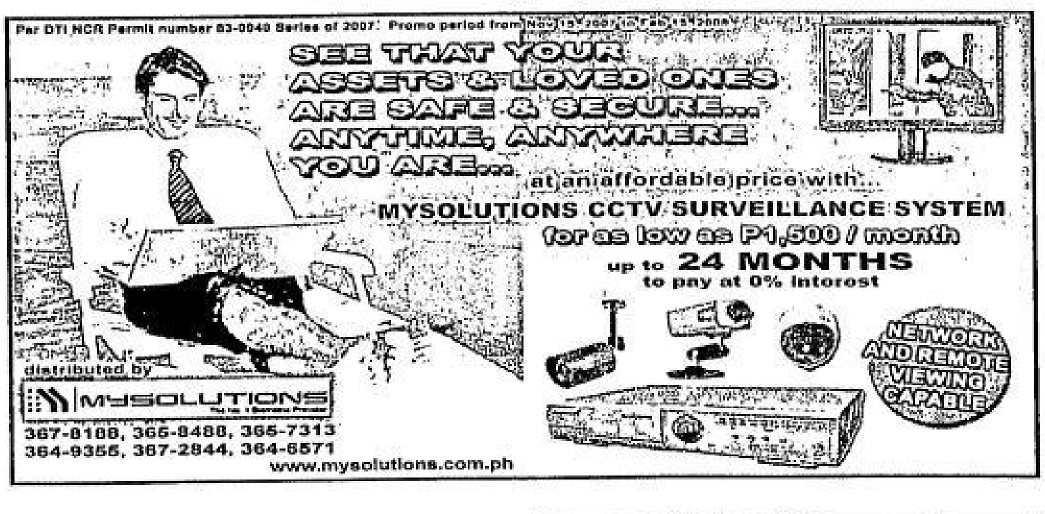
With four 25-MW generators, the Binga plant can operate as a baseload plant if there is a lot of water or a "peaking" plant when the water level is low.

As for financing for the group's purchase of the Ambuklao-Binga complex, he said talks with financial institutions would not start until January, but the consortium was already preparing for negotiations.

He said the group planned to initially take advantage of PSALM's deferred payment scheme for 60 percent of the bid price for the plant package.

"But we'll pay that as soon as we get refinancing. We'll do project financing, like what we did with (the 360-MW Magat hydropower facility)," Aboitiz Power Corp. president and chief executive Erramon Aboitiz earlier said, adding that the same lenders could be part of the project financing for the Ambuklao-Binga plants.

SNAP Hydro has 540 days from the award of the sale contract to remit 40 percent of the bid price to PSALM. The balance would be payable over seven years.


Per DTI NCR Permit number 03-0040 Series of 2007. Promo period from Nov 15, 2007 to Feb 15, 2008

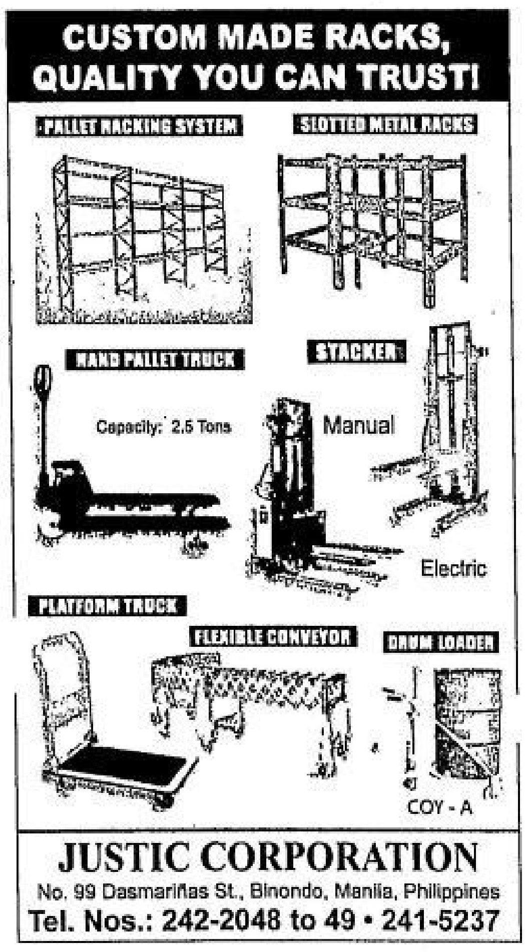
SEE THAT YOUR ASSETS & LOVED ONES ARE SAFE & SECURE... ANYTIME, ANYWHERE YOU ARE... at an affordable price with...

MYSOLUTIONS CCTV SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM for as low as P1,500 / month up to 24 MONTHS to pay at 0% interest

NETWORK AND REMOTE VIEWING CAPABLE

distributed by MYSOLUTIONS

367-8188, 365-8488, 365-7313
364-9356, 367-2844, 364-6571
www.mysolutions.com.ph


CUSTOM MADE RACKS, QUALITY YOU CAN TRUST!

PALLET RACKING SYSTEM
SLOTTED METAL RACKS
HAND PALLET TRUCK
Capacity: 2.5 Tons
STACKER
Manual
Electric
PLATFORM TRUCK
FLEXIBLE CONVEYOR
DRUM LOADER
COY - A

JUSTIC CORPORATION
No. 99 Dasmariñas St., Binondo, Manila, Philippines
Tel. Nos.: 242-2048 to 49 • 241-5237

Gigabyte U60 Ultra Mobile PC
Christmas Sale!!!
Php33,999
Genuine Microsoft® Windows® XP Home
VIA® Esther Mobile Technology
VIA Esther ULV C7-M / Wi-fi
30 GB Hard Drive / USB Port / Card Reader
DDR2-533 768MB on board
Touch screen with QWERTY keyboard
6.5" TFT-LCD WVGA, 800x480, with LED backlight
Integrated 300K Pixel Web Camera
Dimension: 190*120.8*28.3 mm
Weight: 740g
exclusively at: QUBE
buy computers online
Windows Vista www.buyqube.com (02)410-7823
Qube Cebu (032) 412-4404/ 412-4442 Qube Davao (082) 227-5943

ASIAN HOSPITAL, INC.

Public Disclosure

Asian Hospital; Inc. (AHI) is a private hospital with tertiary care facilities in the Filinvest Corporate City in Alabang, within the southern Luzon corridor of metropolitan Manila. AHI is considering enhancing its operations and expanding its inpatient and outpatient facilities to better serve the local population (the Project). At the same time, AHI is contemplating to normalize its debt structure and it is currently in discussions with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), an existing lender to AHI, to potentially act as the lead lender for the Project. In addition, AHI would draw on equity funding and internal cash reserves to contribute to Project expenditures.

AHI has implemented a management system to manage Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) performance of the company, as well as Human Resources activities. AHI maintains an ongoing focus on compliance with GOP regulations, and has reviewed these programs and systems with the IFC.

As agreed with the IFC, AHI has made more details publicly available in reports on the Project and ESHS topics, which can be accessed at www.asianhospital.com in the Hospital News box, or as posted in the main lobby of the AHI hospital facility.

CASIO® CALCULATORS
RETAIL ASSISTANT
casiosales@mariusholdings.com
www.busplusmktg.com
Desktop calculators with Unique functions
3-line Display Calculator
Water-protected and Dust-proof
Desk Type DF-320TM
Mini Desk Type WM-200T
Mini Desk Type MS-310TM
Desk Type WD-220T

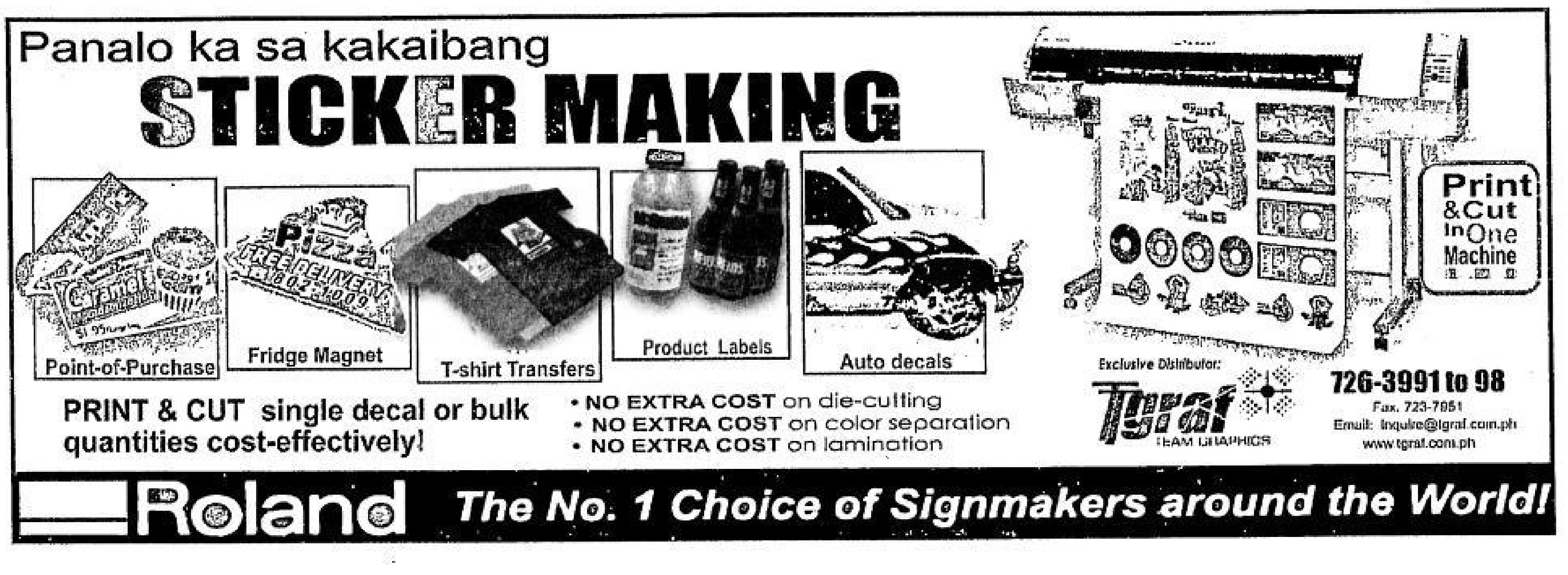
CAUTION
DO NOT PUT YOUR FUTURE AT RISK!
All authenticated CASIO products distributed and warranted by Business Plus are covered with one (1) year warranty and after sales service. If you want to make sure that you're getting the real deal, look for the BPM bar code seal.

AVAILABLE AT: GLOBATRONICS MARKETING
Branches:
CM Recto - C.M. Recto Ave., Sta. Cruz Manila Tel. 711-5867
Pasay Road - Arnaiz Ave., cor. Ponce St., Makati City Tel. 889-8746 to 48
Filinvest - Festival Supermall, Alabang Muntinlupa City Tel. 809-4061
Ortigas - F. Ortigas Jr. Rd., cor. Garnet Rd. Ortigas Center Pasig City Tel. 6376420 to 22

For inquiries please call: Business Plus
Manila Ofc.: Suite 301-304 AIC Gold Tower, F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City Tel: 637-6420-22
Cebu Ofc.: 54 T. Padilla St. Cor. M.J. Cuenco Ave., Cebu City Tel:(32) 235-7898

BenQ
Your Personal Projector for your home and office
DLP TEXAS INSTRUMENTS
BenQ MP510
1500 ANSI Lumens
SVGA (800x600 pixels)
2000:1 contrast ratio
2.6 kg. / 5.7 lbs.
160W, 2000/3000 lamp hours (Normal/Economic Mode)
BenQ Windows Vista
Php 27,888.00
Free 70"x70" Tripod Screen within Metro Manila only
Per DTI-NCR Permit No.3691, Series of 2007
Features:
* Freeze * Security Function
* Auto off * Presentation Timer
* Wall Color Correction
Get a chance to win Trips to Thailand
Per DTI-NCR Permit No.5316, Series of 2007
See flyers and posters for details
Distributed By: ASTECH PENGSON DISTRIBUTORS INC.
For inquiries, pls. call us at:
833 Sheridan Street Mandaluyong City
Tel. No.: 634-8351

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
JOB Market
YOUR CONNECTION TO BETTER PEOPLE, BETTER JOBS


Panalo ka sa kakaibang
STICKER MAKING
Point-of-Purchase
Fridge Magnet
T-shirt Transfers
Product Labels
Auto decals
Print &Cut In One Machine
PRINT & CUT single decal or bulk quantities cost-effectively!
• NO EXTRA COST on die-cutting
• NO EXTRA COST on color separation
• NO EXTRA COST on lamination
Exclusive Distributor: Tgraf TEAM GRAPHICS
726-3991 to 98
Fax. 723-7951
Email: inquire@tgraf.com.ph
www.tgraf.com.ph
Roland The No. 1 Choice of Signmakers around the World!

HARI AWARDS MOST OUTSTANDING DEALERS FOR 2007

Notwithstanding the holiday chill, Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI), Hyundai's official distributor in the Philippines, launched a sizzling island-themed festivity to honor its most outstanding dealers during the 2007 HARI Dealer of the Year Awards held recently at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza. HARI pulled out all the stops by dishing out over 40 awards, aggressively spanning the spirit of victory among the 31-strong HARI dealer network. Key executives and officers from Hyundai dealers hailing from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao attended in full force to show their support of the prestigious event, which hallmarked HARI's utmost appreciation of its partner dealers and emphasized Hyundai's culture of excellence. HARI's top brass headed by Chairman Emeritus Richard Lee, Chairman Edward Go, HARI President and Chief Executive Officer Conrad Marty, and HARI EVP and Chief Operating Officer Ma. Fe Perez-Agudo, also graced the occasion and expressed enthusiasm towards the collective success of all dealerships.

Firing up the night

A heart-pumping opening number kicked off the festivities and warmed up the audience for an exciting program ahead. Master of ceremonies HARI Dealer Development Manager Popo Soriano and the lovely Cristy de Guzman or DJ Cristy to fans of Monster Radio, eagerly welcomed the winning dealers as they were called on stage to receive their awards. First recognized were the new dealers who have duly qualified as Hyundai Elite dealers; among them were Hyundai Bacolod, Hyundai Cagayan de Oro, Hyundai Dagupan, Hyundai Global City and Hyundai Iloilo. This new set of dealers has brought the total of accredited Hyundai Elite to 16, further enhancing HARI's standing as the DEP capital of the Hyundai global community.

Individual Achievement Awards in areas of Parts, After-Sales Service, and Vehicle Sales Operations came next. For Parts, Jason N. Floresca of Hyundai Laguna was named the 2007 Parts Personnel of the Year Champion, while Sena Britta Villanueva of Hyundai Pampanga earned First Place in the Parts Managers Skills Development Training.

Ma. Erna R. Santoalla of Hyundai EDSA, Chandy C. Quilo of Hyundai EDSA, and Meriam D. Abulencia of Hyundai Cebu were declared Service Advisor of the Year, Technician of the Year, and Warranty Administrator of the Year, respectively, rounding up the Individual Achievement Awards for After-Sales Operations.

Expert technicians Reggie Ramos of Hyundai Dagupan and Gilbert Durna of Hyundai Balintawak were accorded with special recognition for besting over 72 Hyundai technicians from 45 countries with an overall ranking of Excellent Skills in the recent 7th Hyundai World Skills Olympics held in Chonan, South Korea.

For Vehicle Sales, Awards of Excellence for Vehicle Sales Management for Provincial and Metro Manila categories were given to Mr. Raymundo Gotengco of Hyundai E. Rodriguez and Mr. Lowel Bellarmino of Hyundai Cebu, while Grace Redonas Marquez of Hyundai E. Rodriguez and Monaliza Aboujafari of Hyundai Pampanga were hailed Sales Consultants of the Year for Metro Manila and Provincial categories.

Blazing the trail of victory

As the audience anticipated the grand finale of the night's ceremonies, special presentations provided entertaining relief for the audience and sustained the event's momentum.

Major Departmental Awards of Excellence in areas of Parts, After-Sales Service, and Vehicle Sales Operations further edged the audience in sheer excitement. For the Parts Department, the Award of Excellence for being Best in Parts Wholesale Performance was accorded to Hyundai Cebu representing the Provincial category and to Hyundai E. Rodriguez for the Metro Manila category.

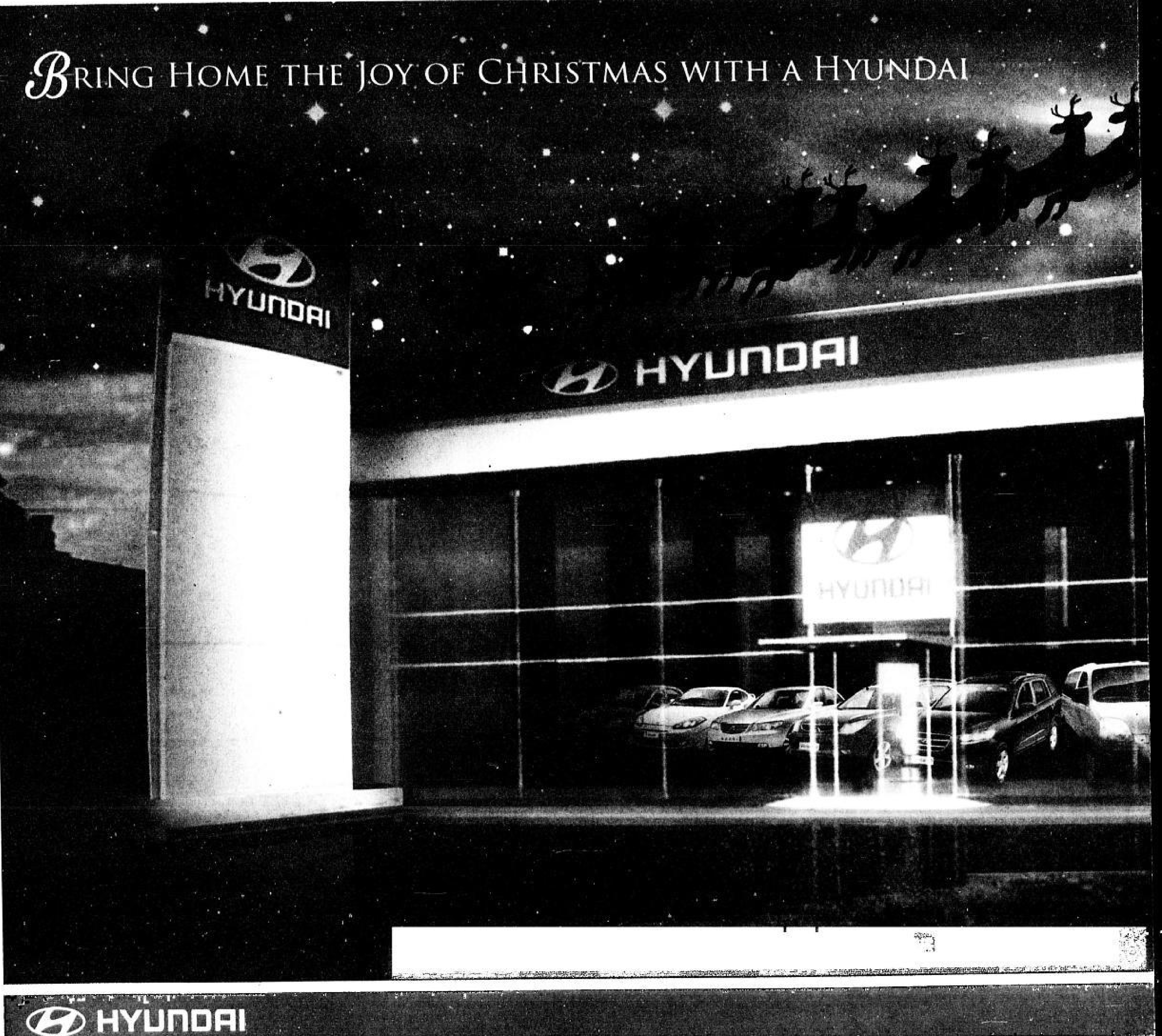
As the awarding ceremonies continued, it was evident that Hyundai Cebu was geared to drive its way to victory, as it bagged the top Award of Excellence in Parts Operations and After-Sales Operations, a special award for Best in Vehicle Sales Wholesale Performance, Provincial category, and the overall champion for Vehicle Sales Performance and Sales Operations Management.

Closely following Hyundai Cebu's winning streak was Hyundai E. Rodriguez, which was awarded Best in Vehicle Sales Wholesale Performance for the Metro Manila category, while Hyundai Alabang was named Best in Fleet Sales Management, and Hyundai Otis received the distinction of Best in Starex PRO Series Sales for selling the most number of Hyundai Starex PRO vehicles.

Hyundai Cebu: 2007 Dealer of the Year

With its exceptional overall performance in dealership operations evidenced by its sweep of major departmental awards Hyundai Cebu was honored the coveted 2007 Dealer of the Year award. During his victory address, Mr. Edward Onglat co, President of Hyundai Cebu, expressed his sincerest gratitude over HARI's continued support of the dealership networ and for recognizing Hyundai Cebu's relentless efforts to further the success of the Hyundai brand in the Philippines Revelries soon followed after, brimming not only with fun and good company, but with the sweet taste of success and renewed optimism for the year ahead.

HYUNDAI
E
ELITE


BRING HOME THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH A HYUNDAI
HYUNDAI
HYUNDAI
HYUNDAI

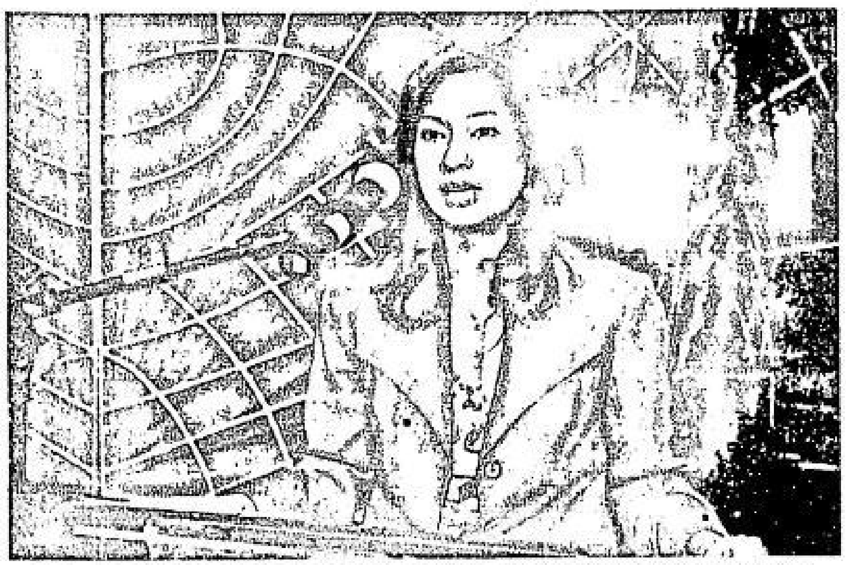
HYUNDAI

HYUNDAI AUTHORIZED DEALERS

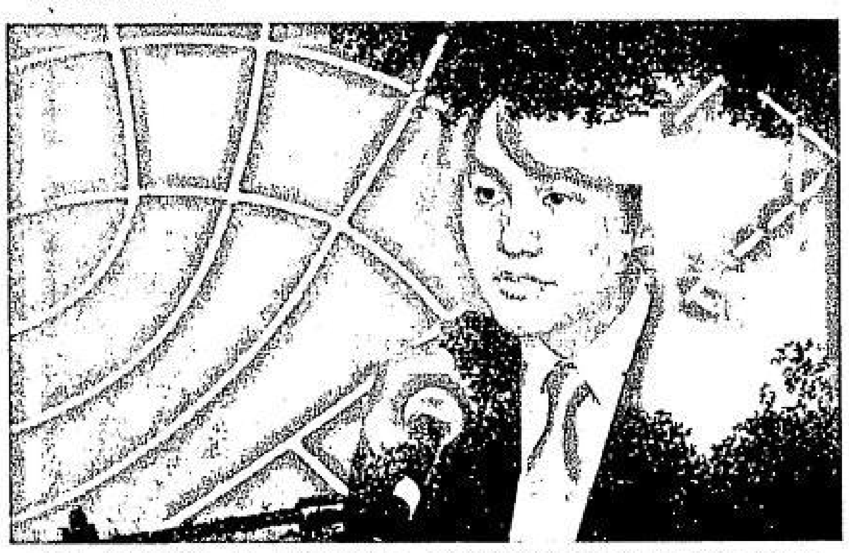
METRO MANILA
- Hyundai J. Abad Santos - 250 0037, 250 2898, 253-1373, 250 050
- Hyundai Alabang - 800 1771, 800-7344, 802 3574, 802-3653
- Hyundai Balintawak - 362-0101
- Hyundai Commonwealth - 951 2201 to 10, 952 9601 to 12
- Hyundai EDSA - 882 2434, 751 0111, 751-0027 to 28
- Hyundai E. Rodriguez Sr. - 415-4115, 410 3833, 410 5707, 722 0032
- Hyundai Global City - 818 0888, 856-2051 to 55
- Hyundai Manila Bay - 618 5071 to 73, 550 1491 to 93, 550-1576
- Hyundai Ortigas - 723 9101 to 07, 721 2544
- Hyundai Otis - 561 2740, 564-0120, 564 0035, 564-5050
- Hyundai Pasig City - 672-3801 to 04
- Hyundai Quezon Avenue - 411-2720, 374 3011
- Hyundai Shaw Blvd. - 722 8030, 723 5300, 725-2428
- Hyundai Sucat - 820 0000, 820 8282 to 83
- Hyundai Marcos Hi-way - 000-1650, 646 7773 (SOON TO OPEN)

LUZON
- Hyundai Lipa - (043) 757 0340, (043) 312 3090, (043) 756 6003
- Hyundai Cabanatuan - (044) 463-7270, (044) 600-1657, (044) 463 0080
- Hyundai Dagupan - (075) 522 8888

Fiery performances pump up the night's festivities

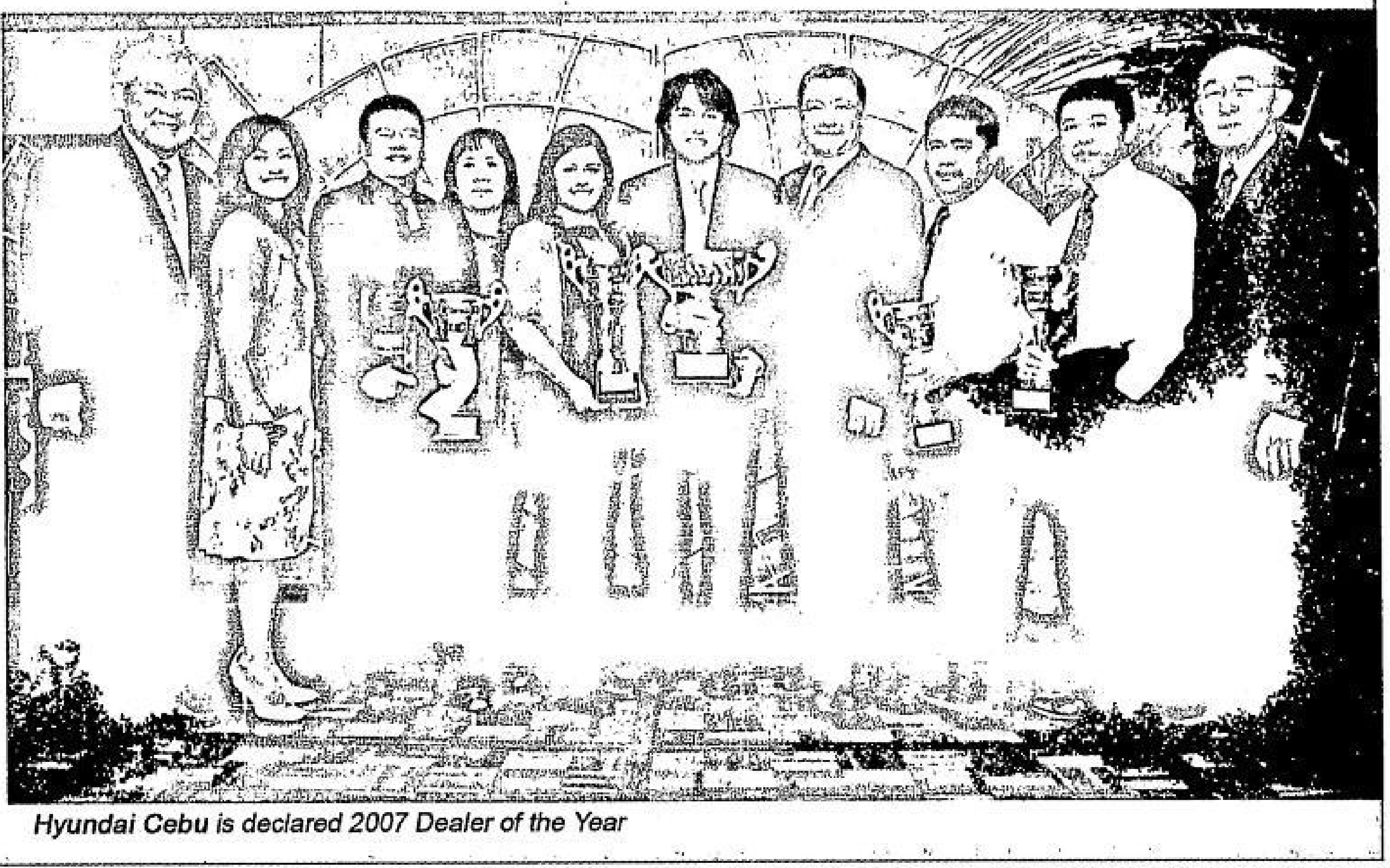


***Ma. Fe Perez-Agudo,** HARI EVP and Chief Operating Officer, congratulates dealers for the resounding success of the HARI dealer network*

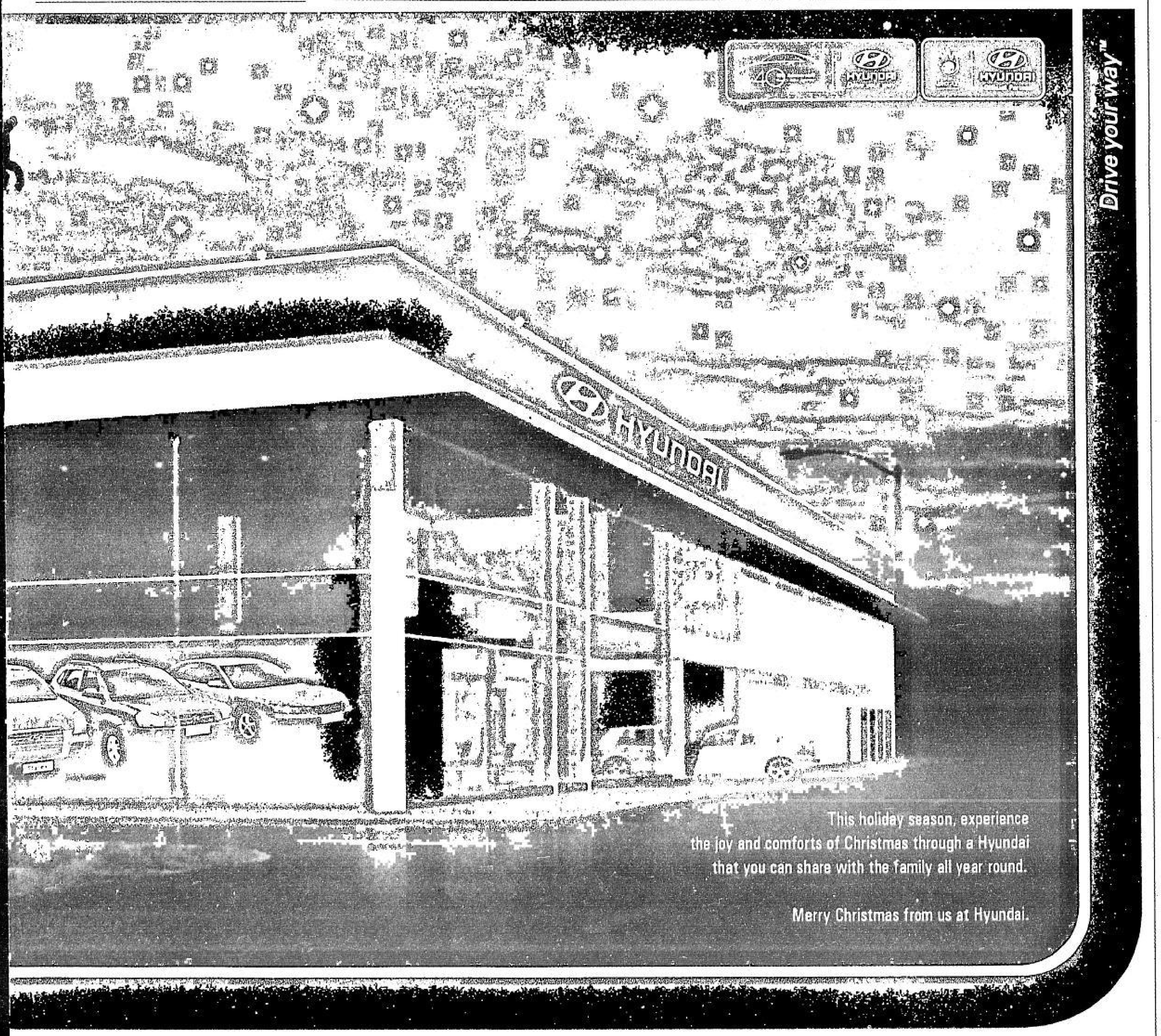


***Mr. Edward G. Onglatco,** President of Hyundai Cebu, in confident form during his victory address*

*New batch of **Hyundai Elite** dealers grace the stage during the Dealer of the Year Awards*



***Hyundai Cebu** is declared 2007 Dealer of the Year*



This holiday season, experience
the joy and comforts of Christmas through a Hyundai
that you can share with the family all year round.

Merry Christmas from us at Hyundai.

Dasmariñas - (046) 850 2958, (046) 850 1693, (046) 850 3442
Biñan - (049) 411 5650, (049) 411 0540, (049) 411 0197
Laoag - (077) 781 8881, (077) 781-8888
La Union - (072) 712-8888, (072) 712-8880

- Hyundai Naga City - (054) 811 8144, (054) 811 8119
- Hyundai Pampanga - (045) 961 1184, (045) 961 2873
- Hyundai San Pablo - (049) 800 0413

VISAYAS
- Hyundai Bacolod - (034) 433 3510, (034) 435 0208
- Hyundai Cebu - (032) 346 2724, (032) 345 0324 to 26, (032) 343-7103, (032) 345 4145
- Hyundai Iloilo - (033) 320 9843, (033) 320-7722

MINDANAO
- Hyundai Cagayan de Oro - (088) 855 4405 to 07
- Hyundai General Santos - (083) 301 0000, (083) 302 7220
- Southern Mindanao - (082) 305-0000 , (082) 235-2055

5 YEARS WARRANTY

HYUNDAI Genuine Parts

E10-85

EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR OF HYUNDAI:

HYUNDAI ASIA RESOURCES, INC.

Ortigas considering IPO to bankroll further growth

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

ORTIGAS AND CO. LTD PARTNERSHIP, one of the country's biggest land developers, is studying the possibility of conducting an initial public offering to finance further growth.

"We're studying a number of options. An IPO is just one option to allow investors to participate in the company's growth," Ortigas and Co. chief operating officer Rex Drilon II said in an interview.

Another option being considered is the conversion of Ortigas and Co. from a partnership— where two or more persons agree to pool talent and money and share profits or losses—into a corporation— a legal entity that can own assets, incur liabilities and issue shares of stock.

"Most of the big partnerships in the 1900s, the Ayalas, the Sorianos, the Roxases have gone public. It is logical for the family (Ortigases) to think in that direction. In the last 76 years, the family has demonstrated a keen sense of timing. They have a good feel of when is the right time for everything," Drilon said.

In the next 10 years, the Ortigas group is looking to spend roughly P30 billion on the development of about a fourth of the company's land bank in Metro Manila spanning 58 hectares.

Over the past 76 years, Ortigas and Co. has been responsible for several upscale residential and commercial developments, which include Greenhills subdivisions, Greenhills Shopping Center, Ortigas Center, Valle Verde subdivisions, Greenmeadows and most recently, the Tiendesitas shopping complex at Frontera Verde.

It traces its roots to the Hacienda de Mandaloyon spanning 4,033 hectares, which originally formed part of the estate holdings of the Augustinian Order.

Maybank

Currencies

December 7, 2007 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.683480	1.000000	41.8920
Japan	Yen	0.006144	0.008989	0.3766
United Kingdom	Pound	1.385893	2.027700	84.9444
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.087699	0.128312	5.3752
Switzerland	Franc	0.604796	0.884877	37.0693
Canada	Dollar	0.678123	0.992162	41.5637
Singapore	Dollar	0.473587	0.692905	29.0272
Australia	Dollar	0.595730	0.871612	36.5136
Bahrain	Dinar*	1.822566	2.666596	111.7090
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.182724	0.267344	11.1996
Brunei	Dollar	0.471951	0.690512	28.9269
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000074	0.000108	0.0045
Thailand	Baht	0.022669	0.033167	1.3894
UAE	Dirham	0.186103	0.272287	11.4066
EU	Euro	1.000000	1.463100	61.2922
Korea	Won	0.000742	0.001085	0.0455
China	Yuan**	0.092244	0.134962	5.6538
Denmark	Kroner	0.134074	0.196163	8.2177
India	Rupee	0.017352	0.025387	1.0635
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.204176	0.298730	12.5144
New Zealand	Dollar	0.527703	0.772082	32.3441
Sweden	Kroner	0.106704	0.156118	6.5401
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.021167	0.030969	1.2974

Source: Reuters' forex closing prices as of NY time—Dec. 6, 2007

* Various banks in Bahrain as quoted in Reuters' Screen. ** Asian time closing rate as of Dec. 6, 2007

G & W clubshares
SEC License Broker No.: A-17597

FREE PLAYING RIGHTS AVAILABLE As of December 10, 2007

SHARES AVAILABLE

CLUB	SELLER	BUYER
Alabang Country Club A/B*	1,100,000/1,230,000*	1,000,000
Alta Vista A/B*/Corp.**	-	260,000/Pls. Call*
Baguio Country Club	600,000	550,000
Camp John Hay	330,000	270,000
Canlubang Golf	500,000	-
Canyon Woods	90,000	-
Club Filipino	120,000	80,000
Eagleridge A/B*/C**	150,000/250,000*/350,000**	200,000*
Eastridge A/B*	230,000*	150,000*
Forest Hills A/B*/C**	90,000/180,000*/200,000**	50,000/160,000*
Luisita Golf A	Pls. Call	290,000/320,000*
Manila Golf Corporate	23,000,000	-
Manila Golf Individual	Pls. Call	18,000,000
Manila Polo	5,000,000	3,900,000
Manila Southwoods A/B*	300,000/Pls. Call*	250,000
Makati Sports Club A/B*	250,000	190,000
Manila Yacht Club Ind.	200,000	-
Metropolitan Club A/B*	160,000	160,000
Mimosa C1/C2*/C3**	220,000/560,000**	150,000/400,000*/600,000**
Mt. Malarayat A	180,000	-
Orchard A/B*/C**	170,000/250,000*/380,000**	-
Quezon City Sports Club	170,000	120,000
Riviera Golf A/B*/C**	150,000/250,000**	120,000*/130,000**
Rockwell Leisure Club	350,000	Pls. Call
Royale Tagaytay CC	65,000	-
Sherwood A/B*/C**	70,000/130,000*	100,000*
Splendido Taal	200,000	Pls. Call
Sta. Elena Golf A/B*	2,100,000/2,500,000*	1,600,000
The Palms Country Club	350,000	320,000
Tagaytay Country Club	-	280,000
Tagaytay Highlands	690,000	-
Tagaytay Midlands	670,000	-
Valley Golf	250,000	200,000
Valle Verde Ind.	100,000	70,000
Wack Wack Golf	Pls. Call	-

Tel. 8504151 E-mail: info@gwclubshares.com
(0917)3287789 website: www.gwclubshares.com

GG&A Club Shares
SEC License Broker No.: BD-00131

Announcement:
We are now located at:
2nd Floor, Goodland Bldg. (formerly Nat'l Steel Bldg.)
377 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City
Tel No.: 890-GOLF (4653)* 0917-8043072 ; Fax no. 896-1931

Quotation as of December 10, 2007

CLUB	SELLER	BUYER
ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB "A"	1,100,000	1,000,000
ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB "B"	1,200,000	-
BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	580,000	550,000
CAMP JOHN HAY	300,000	260,000
CANLUBANG	470,000	430,000
CAPITOL HILLS	40,000	-
CEBU COUNTRY CLUB	-	2,100,000
CELEBRITY SPORTS CLUB	100,000	80,000
CLUB FILIPINO	120,000	90,000
EAGLERIDGE "A"	160,000	140,000
EAGLERIDGE "B"	250,000	200,000
EAGLERIDGE "C"	350,000	300,000
FOREST HILLS "A"	100,000	80,000
LUISITA GOLF "A"	300,000	250,000
MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	250,000	200,000
MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "B"	300,000	220,000
MANILA GOLF (CORP)	23,000,000	20,000,000
MANILA GOLF (IND)	21,000,000	19,000,000
MANILA POLO	5,000,000	4,700,000
MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	300,000	250,000
MANILA SOUTHWOODS "B"	650,000	630,000
MANILA YACHT CLUB	200,000	150,000
MIMOSA (IND)	220,000	-
MT. MALARAYAT GOLD "A"	140,000	-
ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "A"	150,000	-
ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "B"	270,000	-
ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "C"	330,000	-
QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	150,000	130,000
ROCKWELL CLUB	300,000	250,000
SPA & LODGE	450,000	400,000
STA. ELENA "A"	1,900,000	1,700,000
STA. ELENA "B"	-	1,900,000
TAGAYTAY COUNTRY CLUB	300,000	290,000
TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	670,000	630,000
TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	650,000	630,000
THE PALMS COUNTRY CLUB "A"	340,000	300,000
VALLE VERDE (IND)	90,000	75,000
VALLEY GOLF	240,000	200,000
WACK-WACK GOLF CLUB	10,000,000	9,500,000

Email:ggashare@mozcom.com
Website: www.ggaclubshares.com

ECS recommends Windows® Vista™ Home Premium.
ECSperience...
CREATIVities and freebies
this Christmas...
ECS-D25
intel Core Solo
Creative SBS245
Creative Vista IM Webcam
Creative Optical Lite Asia
SRP: 24,995.00
ECS ELITEGROUP

- Intel Core Solo T1300 (1.6Ghz) CPU
- 512MB DDR-II SODIMM
- ATI RC415MB Chipset
- 80Gb PATA
- DVD - dual drive
- 14" Wide XGA TFT Glare
- ATI Xpress 200M Graphics (up to 128MB)
- 1 x ExpressCard slot, VGA port
- 802.11bg wifi
- Touch Pad Synaptics
- 2 Built-in Stereo Speakers
- 6-Cell Lithium Ion Battery

Celebrate this yuletide season with ECS-D25 and take home a *real christmas present from us.

* FREE for cash buyers only

Promo is from December 1 to January 31, 2008. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4691 Series of 2007.
For inquiries you can ask: ask_ecs@yahoo.com • asknow_ecs@hotmail.com or call (02) 7243340 loc 1902 - 1906

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of December 7, 2007)

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
		BANKS					
17.5	6.8	Asiatrust Development Bank Inc.	8.6	9	8.6	8.8	259,000
73	43	Banco de Oro-EPCI Inc.	60.5	62.5	60.5	62	1,216,900
73.5	53	Bank of the Philippine Islands	64.5	65.5	64.5	65	4,919,200
748	544	China Banking Corp.	670	670	665	665	4,440
23.5	14	Citystate Savings Bank	23	23	23	23	600
0.63	0.36	Export and Industry Bank Inc.	0.42	0.42	0.4	0.4	510,000
75.5	47.5	Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co.	62	63.5	62	62.5	4,359,500
65.5	39	Philippine National Bank	46	50	46	49.5	1,520,100
68	46	Philippine Savings Bank	60	60	60	60	1,000
39.57	20.43	Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.	25.5	26	24.75	25.5	989,100
90	63	Security Bank Corp.	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	105,000
66	42	Union Bank of the Philippines	44.5	44.5	44	44.5	121,000
		OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
2.22	0.6	Bankard Inc.	1.9	1.94	1.88	1.94	496,000
16.25	4.6	CitisecOnline.com Inc.	12.5	12.5	12	12.25	423,100
8.8	4.7	Filipino Fund Inc.	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	3,000
1.6	0.5	First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp.	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.02	51,000
5.9	4.8	I-Remit Inc.	5	5	4.95	4.95	348,000
1,970.00	1,580.00	Manulife Financial Corp.	1,640.00	1,640.00	1,640.00	1,640.00	1,570
5	2.7	National Reinsurance Corp. of the Phils.	3.35	3.4	3.25	3.25	995,000
3.1	1.32	PCI Leasing and Finance Inc.	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	100,000
1,390.00	260	The Philippine Stock Exchange Inc.	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,290
2,500.00	1,970.00	Sun Life Financial Inc.	2,215.00	2,215.00	2,215.00	2,215.00	90
1.94	1.3	iVantage Corp.	1.54	1.56	1.54	1.54	550,000
		ELECTRICITY, ENERGY, POWER & WATER					
6.2	3.8	Aboitiz Power Corp.	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.3	1,889,000
0.57	0.22	East Asia Power Resources Corp.	0.44	0.47	0.43	0.45	8,940,000
70.5	49	First Gen Corp.	62.5	62.5	60.5	61	399,800
92	51.5	First Phil. Holdings Corp.	77	78	74	76	386,500
18.5	8.8	Manila Water Co. Inc.	18.25	18.25	17.75	17.75	2,765,000
105.45	29.55	Manila Electric Co.	89.5	89.5	86	87	3,089,800
7.8	4.1	PNOC Energy Development Corp.	7	7	6.7	6.7	27,461,000
7.4	3.95	Petron Corp.	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.3	10,238,000
14.75	6.4	Phoenix Petroleum Philippines Inc.	7	7	6.7	6.9	148,000
2.04	0.91	Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Dev't Corp.	1.42	1.42	1.36	1.38	2,262,000
		FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO					
6.3	3.4	Alaska Milk Corp.	4.85	4.95	4.85	4.95	75,000
2.32	1.48	Alliance Tuna International Inc.	1.62	1.62	1.58	1.58	987,000
61	40.5	Jollibee Foods Corp.	51.5	52.5	51	51.5	1,553,900
0.98	0.5	RFM Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	190,000
3.1	2.06	Roxas Holdings	2.85	2.85	2.85	2.85	631,000
80	42.5	San Miguel Corp. "A"	51	51	50	50.5	142,000
88	43	San Miguel Corp. "B"	51.5	52.5	51	51	375,600
0.66	0.33	Swift Foods Inc.	0.47	0.48	0.47	0.48	30,000
20.75	13.5	Universal Robina Corp.	15	15	14.25	14.5	7,498,200
0.55	0.24	Vitarich Corp.	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.37	180,000
		CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE & ALLIED SERVICES					
6.1	2.65	EEI Corp.	4.6	4.6	4.55	4.55	421,000
21.5	6	Federal Resources Investment Group Inc.	10	10.25	10	10.25	1,001,000
9.2	4.95	Holcim Philippines Inc.	7.9	8	7.9	8	3,000
2	0.81	Southeast Asia Cement Holdings Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.02	1.04	4,301,000
23	2.12	TKC Steel Corp.	8.8	8.9	8.6	8.9	730,000
		CHEMICALS					
6.3	3.75	Chemrez Technologies Inc.	4.25	4.3	4.25	4.25	683,000
		DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS					
0.75	0.17	Picop Resources Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.37	4,860,000
9	6.2	Splash Corp.	6.9	7.2	6.9	7	4,000,000
		HOLDING FIRMS					
39	18.75	ABS-CBN Holdings, Corp.-PDR	35	35	35	35	100
3.9	2.7	A. Soriano Corp.	3.35	3.4	3.35	3.4	70,000
0.185	0.0575	AJO.net Holdings Inc.	0.135	0.14	0.13	0.135	34,900,000
1.28	0.29	APC Group Inc.	0.71	0.71	0.67	0.67	2,220,000
3.65	1.5	ATN Holdings Inc. "A"	2.5	2.55	2.5	2.55	83,000
3.7	1.5	ATN Holdings Inc. "B"	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.8	42,000
0.018	0.0075	Abacus Cons. Res. and Hold'gs Inc. "A"	0.01	0.01	0.0095	0.0095	61,000,000
9.7	5.8	Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc.	7.1	7.1	7	7	2,152,000
0.021	0.0095	Alcorn Gold Resources Corp.	0.014	0.015	0.014	0.015	64,000,000
7.3	3.5	Alliance Global Group Inc.	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	10,553,000
2.9	0.9	Anglo-Philippine Holdings Corp.	2.46	2.46	2.44	2.44	355,000
8	0.8	Aries Prime Resources Inc.	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	10,000
645	400	Ayala Corp.	595	600	590	595	222,470
15.25	7.39	Bacnotan Consolidated Industries Inc.	13	13	13	13	1,000
5.8	1.68	Benpres Holdings Corp.	4.55	4.55	4.35	4.35	5,575,000
12	5.6	DMCI Holdings Inc.	10	10.25	9.7	9.9	14,568,000
3.55	1.76	House of Investments Inc.	2	2	2	2	349,000
14.5	8.9	JG Summit Holdings Inc.	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	235,300
28	1.42	Lodestar Investment Hldgs Corp.	20.75	21.5	18	21.25	142,700
11.5	1.5	Minerales Industrias Corp.	6.9	7.3	6.8	6.9	10,783,000
8.5	3	PAL Holdings Inc.	6	6.8	6	6.5	132,000
0.28	0.016	Pacifica Inc. "A"	0.24	0.245	0.225	0.235	192,650,000
0.75	0.19	Prime Orion Philippines Inc.	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	1,840,000
2.1	1.3	Republic Glass Holdings Corp.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	56,000
452.5	268.53	SM Investments Corp.	357.5	362.5	357.5	357.5	146,020
0.73	0.14	Sinophil Corp.	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.37	1,110,000
2	0.92	South China Resources Inc.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	10,000
0.75	0.12	Wellex Industries Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	5,200,000
1.1	0.26	Zeus Holdings Inc.	0.6	0.61	0.59	0.61	300,000
		PROPERTY					
2.34	1	A Brown Co. Inc.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	101,000
8.9	5	Anchor Land Holdings Inc	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.4	17,000
1.06	0.4	Araneta Properties Inc.	0.63	0.65	0.63	0.65	40,000
19.25	11.88	Ayala Land Inc.	16.75	17	16	16.25	13,880,900
1.88	1	Belle Corp.	1.24	1.24	1.22	1.22	1,453,000
4.7	3.05	Cebu Holdings Inc.	4	4	4	4	17,000
0.86	0.39	Crown Equities Inc.	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	1,000,000
0.83	0.24	Cyber Bay Corp.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	4,340,000
0.99	0.52	Empire East Land Holdings Inc.	0.89	0.89	0.84	0.85	38,920,000
6.9	1.08	Eton Properties Philippines Inc.	3.7	4.2	3.7	4.2	41,000
0.47	0.0575	Ever Gotesco Resources and Hold'gs Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.245	0.245	2,180,000
1.48	0.61	Fil-Estate Land Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.02	1.04	7,821,000
2.44	1.32	Filinvest Land Inc.	1.62	1.68	1.6	1.66	87,722,000
1.12	0.31	MRC Allied Industries Inc.	0.58	0.66	0.58	0.63	8,970,000
4.6	2.07	Megaworld Corp.	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.35	48,366,000
6.4	1.5	Metro Pacific Investments Corp.	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.55	596,000
5.2	2.2	Metro Pacific Investments Corp.-Warrants	2.95	3.2	2.85	3.1	433,000
0.7	0.13	Phil. Estates Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.33	0.33	550,000
0.86	0.32	Philippine Realty and Holdings Corp.	0.47	0.47	0.45	0.45	140,000
9.2	1.7	Polar Property Holdings Corp.	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	5,000
23	14.5	Robinson Land Corp.	18.25	18.25	18	18.25	1,587,600
5.9	1.93	SM Development Corp.	4.05	4.05	4	4	321,000
13.5	7.76	SM Prime Holdings Inc.	11.25	11.5	11.25	11.5	12,926,300
3.25	1.5	Shang Properties Inc.	2.22	2.22	2.18	2.2	1,603,000
4.5	0.38	Sta. Lucia Land Inc.	2.02	2.06	2	2	823,000
1.34	0.46	Suntrust Home Developers Inc.	0.63	0.71	0.63	0.67	7,850,000
0.49	0.09	Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.27	1,170,000
7.5	3.65	Vista Land and Lifescapes Inc	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6	8,164,000
		MEDIA					
38.5	18.75	ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp	34.5	34.5	34	34	2,100
12	7.6	GMA Holdings Inc.	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.7	7,063,000
11.75	7.5	GMA Network Inc.	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.2	2,416,000
1.03	0.81	Manila Bulletin Publishing Corp.	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	20,000
		TELECOMMUNICATIONS					
2.12	1.1	Digital Telecommunications Phils. Inc.	1.4	1.42	1.4	1.4	1,476,000
1,750.00	1,180.00	Globe Telecom Inc.	1,660.00	1,675.00	1,620.00	1,635.00	60,450
3,285.00	2,250.00	Phil. Long Distance Telephone Co.	3,125.00	3,140.00	3,105.00	3,120.00	285,710
8.1	5.5	Pilipino Telephone Corp.	7.1	7.1	7	7.1	1,380,000
		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
0.39	0.17	Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.205	0.22	0.205	0.215	3,890,000
15.5	2.1	Diversified Financial Network Inc.	14.75	15	14.25	15	1,418,100
11.5	3.55	IPVG Corp.	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.5	1,315,000
0.065	0.027	ISM Communications Corp.	0.038	0.039	0.038	0.039	13,100,000
5	1.62	Information Capital Tech. Ventures Inc.	3.1	3.25	3.1	3.25	135,000
2.9	1.1	Ionics Inc.	1.84	1.96	1.8	1.82	1,257,000
0.32	0.05	Island Information and Technology Inc.	0.175	0.185	0.175	0.185	39,140,000
2.24	1.1	Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.98	2.24	1.98	2	22,562,000
0.0725	0.03	Philweb Corp.	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.049	69,000,000
5.8	1.64	Transpacific Broadband Group Int'l Inc.	2.65	2.7	2.6	2.7	1,498,000
		TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
2.14	1.14	Aboitiz Transport System Corp.	1.28	1.3	1.28	1.28	325,000
6.8	3.6	Asian Terminals Inc.	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	2,000
49	18.75	Int'l Container Terminal Services Inc.	46.5	46.5	45.5	46.5	1,110,100
2.16	0.93	Keppel Philippines Marine Inc.	2	2	2	2	2,000
2.7	1.12	Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.52	1.52	90,000
		HOTEL & LEISURE					
16.5	5	Acesite (Phils.) Hotel Corp.	8.9	9	8.9	9	1,416,000
4.25	1.8	Leisure and Resorts World Corp.	2.38	2.42	2.38	2.42	260,000
4.55	2.9	Philippine Racing Club Inc.	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	200,000
1.52	0.32	Premiere Entertainment Productions Inc.	1.44	1.5	1.36	1.42	24,477,000
1.2	0.55	Waterfront Philippines Inc.	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	950,000
		EDUCATION					
3.7	2.6	iPeople Inc.	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	36,000
		DIVERSIFIED SERVICES					
43	6.6	JTH Davies Holdings Inc.	43	43	27	30	126,900
6	2.04	Macroasia Corp.	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	365,000
17.25	9.8	Pacific Online Systems Corp.	11.25	11.25	11	11.25	326,500
30	6.2	Paxys Inc.	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.4	740,000
472.5	390	eTelecare Global Solutions Inc	400	400	395	395	1,570
		MINING					
0.017	0.0085	Abra Mining and Industrial Corp.	0.01	0.011	0.01	0.011	40,800,000
7.2	3.6	Apex Mining Co. Inc. "A"	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	608,000
7.4	3.85	Apex Mining Co. Inc. "B"	7	7	6.9	6.9	20,000
21.25	8	Atlas Cons. Mining and Dev't Corp.	14.25	14.25	13.75	14	1,010,100
18	8.9	Benguet Corp. "A"	16	18	15.25	18	965,900
12.75	1.96	Dizon Copper Silver Mines Inc.	9.5	9.8	9.5	9.6	526,000
3.1	0.6	GEOGRACE Resources Philippines Inc.	2.12	2.18	2.08	2.12	74,469,000
0.56	0.18	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. "A"	0.55	0.55	0.53	0.54	111,500,000
0.61	0.22	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. "B"	0.59	0.6	0.57	0.58	63,190,000
0.038	0.017	Manila Mining Corp. "A"	0.029	0.029	0.028	0.029	141,200,000
0.041	0.02	Manila Mining Corp. "B"	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032	1,300,000
30	3.6	NiHAO Minerals Resources Int'l Inc.	22.5	22.75	21.75	22	916,000
0.021	0.0088	Omico Corp.	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	223,800,000
0.015	0.007	Omico Corp.-Warrants	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	2,000,000
11.25	3.5	Philex Mining Corp.	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.8	3,218,000
1.36	0.55	United Paragon Mining Corp.	0.75	0.75	0.71	0.73	1,350,000
1.8	0.89	Vulcan Industrial and Mining Corp.	1.16	1.18	1.14	1.14	356,000
		OIL					
0.58	0.26	Basic Energy Corp.	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.33	920,000
0.029	0.01	Oriental Pet. and Minerals Corp. "A"	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	27,800,000
13.75	9	Petroenergy Resources Corp.	10.25	10.25	10	10	34,000
0.032	0.0095	The Philodrill Corp	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	194,000,000

AVERAGES			VOLUME	VALUE
Financial	903.32 UP	12.23	16,974,890	801,391,290.00
Industrial	4,409.02 DOWN	52.25	85,240,800	917,457,340.00
Holding Firms	2,105.91 UP	14.61	408,705,490	563,228,050.00
Property	1,667.80 UP	11.08	250,624,800	873,920,115.00
Service	1,886.76 DOWN	0.87	189,248,430	1,237,008,875.00
Mining & Oil	8,691.78 DOWN	53.29	887,983,000	363,761,970.00
All Shares Index	2,273.63 UP	8.82		
PSEI	3,745.39 UP	11.43		
		GRAND TOTALS	1,838,777,410	4,756,767,040.00

COMPILED BY SCHATZI QUODALA, INQUIRER RESEARCH

SOURCE: TECHNISTOCK, PSE

RP seen making name in major medical procedures, NCC says

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE LOCAL MEDICAL TOURISM INDUSTRY is building up a reputation as a destination for major medical procedures despite the recent "Desperate Housewives" fiasco.

Ruy Y. Moreno, director of the National Competitiveness Council, said in an interview that there were about 100,000 foreign patients that sought medical services in 2006 in various hospitals across the nation.

He said the usual services tapped were in the areas of ophthalmology, dentistry and cosmetic surgery.

However, Moreno said current promotional efforts aimed to position medical facilities in the country as capable of providing major procedures, including heart surgery.

"We are not catching up with our neighbors like Thailand in medical services that are relatively not invasive," he said. "Our niche is the market segment that needs more complicated procedures."

Moreno, who is also vice chair of the not-for-profit organization Center for Global Best Practices, said this was developing despite the controversy about a character in the US television series questioning the competence of Filipino doctors.

Ironically, doctors that are attracting foreigners in need of medical services are those trained in the United States.

"There are 500 to 700 Filipino doctors who are board-certified (licensed) in the US but are practicing here or are dividing their time between the US and the Philippines," Moreno said.

"At this point, foreign patients need to know that they would be dealing with doctors of such qualifications but at less cost," he added. "Hopefully, the country can build up on this and that local doctors would be known for their skills regardless of where they were trained."

Moreno said efforts to promote medical tourism was being realized through partnership between the government and the private sector, particularly through medical roadshows and Department of Tourism missions in North America and Europe.

In the meantime, Rizalino Navarro, chair of the Committee on Health and Wellness of the Task Force on Globally Competitive Service Industries, said key players in the medical tourism industry had already been implementing various strategies to achieve the industry's target revenue of $2 billion in five years.

Navarro said they were focusing on niche markets, particularly the United States and Middle East with six million overseas Filipinos, and regional neighbors Japan, Korea and Taiwan.

He said medical services commonly sought in the Philippines were life-saving procedures like coronary bypass surgery, kidney transplantation, bone marrow transplants, cancer therapy and other specialized cardiac, lung, kidney and liver transplant.

Navarro said the industry already generated about $200 million in 2006 as against the $125-million target for the year.

ADB, 9 others cited in '07 accountability report

By Daxim L. Lucas

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT Program and the Asian Development Bank have been named the top international organizations in terms of accountability in the recently released 2007 Global Accountability Report.

The report, published by UK-based One World Trust, is an annual assessment of the capabilities of 30 of the world's most powerful global organizations from the intergovernmental, nongovernmental and corporate sectors to be accountable to civil society, affected communities and the wider public.

Joining the UNDP and ADB in the top 10 most accountable global organizations are the United Nations Environment Program, the United Nations World Food Program and the Inter-American Development Bank in the intergovernmental organizations category.

The results of this year's report were launched locally yesterday by the Asian Institute of Management and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Makati City.

International nongovernmental organizations in this year's top ten ranking are charity organization Christian Aid and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Global corporations which landed in the top ten are the General Electric Company, GlaxoSmithKline and the Coca-Cola Company.

According to the publishers, the report uses the four dimensions of the Global Accountability Framework—transparency, participation, evaluation, and complaint and response mechanisms—as the basis of the assessment.

Burger King to put up 8 stores in H1

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

FAST FOOD CHAIN BURGER KING IS spending up to P100 million to put up eight additional outlets in the first half next year, a company official said.

Perf Restaurants Inc. president Raul Nazareno, which heads the local franchisee of BK (Burger King) Asiapac Pte. Ltd., said Burger King opened its first branch under its new shareholders in TriNoma mall in Quezon City last Thursday. It is set to open on Dec. 15 another store at the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City.

Perf is eyeing the number two spot in the "all burger" restaurant category in the next five years as it targets to put up a total of 100 stores in Metro Manila during the period.

To reach this goal, it would spend about P600 million in the next five years.

Burger King in the Philippines offers five platforms—the Whopper (burger) line, the Extra-long chicken (patty for sandwiches), the BK Doubles or double patties, the BK Singles (single patty) and fish. For the Whopper, Burger King is introducing its western barbeque line and black pepper Whopper.

Another six stores will be opened in various parts of Metro Manila within the first semester of 2008, Nazareno said.

Burger King has 23 stores to date.

Nazareno said restaurant sales grew 30 percent from January to November year-on-year driven by the company's quality product offerings, and enhanced services such as wide screen TVs and phone chargers at the restaurants.

Last year, conglomerate Ayala Corp. sold its entire stake in the Burger King business to BK Titans Inc. (BKT), led by former Customs Commissioner and courier magnate Alberto V. Lina, telecommunications tycoon Manuel V. Pangilinan and Tanduay Holdings president Wilson Young in their respective personal capacities.

Perf is controlled by BK Titans.

BCDA
Bases Conversion and Development Authority

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

The Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), jointly with the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), under the Joint Development Steering Committee (JDSC), is inviting interested proponents to participate in the development of the NAPOLCOM site located at Fort Bonifacio, with an approximate area of 7.1 hectares. This property is titled in the name of the Republic of the Philippines-National Police Commission, is one of those excluded from sale under R.A. 7227 and is therefore subject to privatization only through joint development arrangements where the titles shall not be transferred to third parties. With NAPOLCOM as the primary beneficiary of the property pursuant to various executive orders, the proposals must address the housing and office requirements of NAPOLCOM and its mother department, the Department of Interior and Local Government. These areas for office and housing requirements of NAPOLCOM, DILG and their attached agencies must be proximate to the present DILG offices and must be convenient for the use of these agencies.

Interested proponents may submit their Letters of Interest to BCDA and can purchase the Terms of Reference (TOR) that outlines, among others, the requirements that will enable proponents to participate in this project.

The TOR for this project will be ready for distribution to interested proponents by November 29, 2007 until 5:00 p.m. of December 13, 2007, at the BCDA offices. A non-refundable cost of the TOR is Php50,000.00 payable to the BCDA in Cash or Manager's Check.

A conference among interested proponents is tentatively set for 2.00 p.m., December 13, 2007. The objective of the conference is to discuss the property and other clarifications from interested proponents. Interested proponents will be informed of the final schedule and venue of the conference through contact numbers submitted to the BCDA.

Interested proponents can direct their inquiries to:

THE CHAIRMAN
JOINT DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE (JDSC)
BCDA Corporate Centre
2nd Floor, Bonifacio Technology Center
31st St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

or they can contact Ms. Aileen R. Zosa or Mr. Dean Santiago at telephone numbers 816-10-16 or 816-66-66.

(Sgd.) RONALDO V. PUNO
Chairman
JOINT DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

(PDI–December 10, 2007)

Give them the greatest show on earth!

Your ideas, strategies, plans – presented crisply in vivid, rich colors. That's the ultimate presentation. That's the power of persuasion. Our Work Big projectors grab center stage for your presentations. And that's right where you want to be. Think big. Work big. Show them what you've got.

LP850
- 4500 ANSI Lumens
- XGA resolution
- LCD 0.99 P-SI TFT
- 750:1 Contrast Ratio
- 1500 lamp hours

P185, 000

InFocus
The Big Picture
www.infocus.com

VIDEO OPTIMISE

IN42+
- 4000 ANSI Lumens
- XGA resolution
- LCD 0.8 P-SI TFT
- 1000:1 Contrast Ratio
- 2000 lamp hours

P155,000

IN36
- 3000 ANSI Lumens
- XGA resolution
- DLP® Technology
- 1000:1 Contrast Ratio
- 2000 lamp hours

P89, 000

IN34
- 2500 ANSI Lumens
- XGA resolution
- DLP® Technology
- 1000:1 Contrast Ratio
- 2000 lamp hours

P75, 000

LP860
- 3500 ANSI Lumens
- SXGA+ resolution
- LCD 0.99 P-SI TFT
- 750:1 Contrast Ratio
- 1500 lamp hours

P270,000

LIGHTWEIGHT

LP120
- 0.9 kg
- XGA resolution
- 1100 ANSI Lumens
- DLP® Technology
- 2000:1 Contrast Ratio
- 2000 lamp hours

P75,000

LP70+
- 1.09 kg
- XGA resolution
- 1500 ANSI Lumens
- DLP® Technology
- 1100:1 Contrast Ratio
- 4000 lamp hours

P75,000

Special offer!
FREE Color Printer!
Buy any of the participating InFocus Work Big projectors (LP850, IN42+, IN36, IN34, LP860) and get a FREE Fuji Xerox DocuPrint C525A Color Laser Printer worth P26, 900.
From December 10-31, 2007.

Special offer!
FREE Conference Phone!
Buy an InFocus LP120 or LP70+ lightweight projector and get a FREE ClearOne MAX EX conference phone worth P10,000.
From December 10-31, 2007.

Per DTI-NCR Permit # A3-1014 Series of 2007

Distributed by: American Technologies, Inc. • Tel: 7230601 to 12 • Fax: 723 7951 • Website: www.ati.com.ph

Blue recommends Windows Vista™ Home Premium.

intel
Centrino Duo
Dual-core. Do more

meet the lightest element in the planet

BLUE H1

H1-ULTRA MOBILE PC
- VIA ULVC7-M 1.20Ghz CPU
- VIA VX700 Chipset
- 768MB DDR-2 Memory
- 30GB Mobile 1.8-inch Hard Drive
- 6.5-inch Wide TFT WVGA LCD
- Touch Screen with stylus Peh
- 802.11b/g Wireless LAN
- 300K Webcam
- 4-in-1 Card Reader
- 2 x USB 2.0, 1 x VGA, 1 x DC-IN, 1 x Docking Ports
- 1.60Lbs Weight
- Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

Price starts at: Php 35,995

Rn W310 RADON
- 13.3"wxga (1280x800) glare
- Intel Centrino Duo Processor Technology
- Intel Core Duo T2250 (1.73ghz)
- ATI radeon x1300 up to 256MB
- 1GB DDR-2 Memory
- 80GB Hard Drive
- DVD Dual Drive
- Intel 3945ABG WiFi
- Bluetooth
- Touch Capacitance Control shortcut buttons
- 1.87 kgs in weight
- Aluminum Magnesium Alloy body
- Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

SRP : Php 34,995.00

Fe S62E FERRUM
- 14.1"wxga (1280x800) Glare
- Intel Centrino Duo Processor Technology
- Intel CORE 2 Duo T5250 (1.5ghz)
- Intel GMA x3100 up to 256mb
- 1GB DDR-2 memory
- 80GB SATA Hard Drive
- DVD Dual Drive
- Intel 3945ABG WiFi
- 300K camera
- Card reader
- Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

SRP : Php 37,995.00

Bi S37E BISMUTH
- 13.3"wxga (1280x800) Glare
- Intel Centrino Duo Processor Technology
- Intel CORE 2 Duo T5250 (1.5ghz)
- Intel GMA x3100 up to 256MB
- 2GB DDR-2 memory
- 160GB Hard Drive
- DVD Dual Drive
- Intel 3945ABG WiFi
- 2Mega Pixel Camera
- Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

SRP : Php 45,995.00

ASK FOR YOUR 0% INTEREST

service centers
serviMAX
Manila (02) 722-2992 / 721-9102
Cebu (032)-2325762
Davao TBA

www.ilikeblue.net
Call: (02) 396 20 41
msn: know_blue

blue
technology refined

The Rivilla Family

Lulu Cojuangco Rivilla
Bambi & Helen; Beewie & Lynn; Nettie & Gigi;
Inday & Mike; Suey & Jake; Dicky & Cathy;
Dors & Anna
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Sister: Marta R. Kramer
Sister-in-law: Imelda O. Cojuangco
Nephews & nieces
request prayers for the eternal repose of

Luis Tirso Mijares Rivilla

who peacefully joined our Creator
on the 6th of December, 2007 at the age of 81.

His remains lie in state at Chapel 1 of the
Mortuary & Crematory of The Heritage Park,
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Masses are held daily at 8:00pm.

Necrological Mass will be held on the 11th
of December, 2007 at 9:30am at the
Sanctuario De San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati.
Cremation service follows.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that
donations be made to Marian Missionaries of the Holy
Cross or Alay Sa Bansa Association, Inc.

Mortuary and Crematory at The Heritage Park

People, Events & Products

Japanese show highlights RP

PHILIPPINE TOURISM WILL SOON take the limelight in a popular TV show being broadcast by 14 stations in metropolitan areas in Japan.

The program, titled "King's Brunch" is topbilled by twin actors Shota and Keita, who have just concluded a four-day location shoot in various tourism destinations in the Philippines.

Shota and Keita are especially popular among young Japanese ladies who comprise the bulk of "King's Brunch" viewership.

The program will have a full 20-minute feature on the Philippines' marine sports, chi spa, Bohol's Loboc river cruise and Chocolate Hills, Cebu's churches and shopping malls, and the Manila Bay sunset, among others.

"This special feature on the Philippines, scheduled for airing on Dec. 15, enhances our brand image and market presence in Japan," said Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano.

"Through this program, we will be able to communicate our brand essence in a multi-sensory and dynamic triple play (voice, video and data) to a broad-based, multi-segment market all at the same time and at a longer period of media exposure, thus helping us to leave a lasting brand footprint on our target market's consciousness. This is especially so since the feature on the Philippines will be uploaded on the program's website soon after broadcasting in order to allow the TV audiences to check out the information again," Durano explained.

A lifestyle information TV program, "Kings Brunch" has been on the air for more than 10 years now. It features onsite information about gourmet, shopping, beauty, movies, entertainment and interior design, with travel being a particularly important topic.

The program is so popular with urban working ladies that the products and services introduced during the show often end up getting sold out, according to Director Benito Bengzon Jr., head of the Department of Tourism's Team Japan.

"The TV program gives us the opportunity to introduce new attractions in our 'focus areas' that will give our Philippine tourism brand a new vigor and vitality, especially as we further widen our market coverage to include the Japanese ladies and the working youth among our primary targets," Bengzon said.

This latest promotional thrust is anchored on the "Wellness from the Inside Out" campaign, which has evolved from the "Premium Resort Island Philippines" program that jumpstarted the country's highly successful Japan-wide marketing blitz in 2004.

"The strategy is to widen the market's perception of the 'Premium Resort Islands Philippines' from a mono-dimensional (beach destination) to a multi-dimensional tourism hub offering health and wellness, shopping, island hopping, sports, and many other activities," Durano explained.

"In fact, our 'Wellness from the Inside Out' campaign in Japan turned out to be the pilot model or test case for our ongoing "Islands of Wellness" cross-regional marketing program," Durano pointed out.

Aside from advertising, also supporting these promotional stunts are events, field, consumer and industry-focused marketing, including familiarization trips for media outfits catering to various segments of the 17.4-million Japanese outbound market.

Durano said careful and methodical strategic planning and implementation formed the backbone of these series of marketing campaigns, which sustained the yearly increases in Japanese arrivals beginning in 2004 when it surpassed 400,000 for the first time in 20 years.

Japanese arrivals continue to contribute significantly to the country's ever-increasing volume of foreign tourists-from 2.29 million in 2004 and 2.62 million in 2005 to 2.84 million in 2006 and expectedly over 3 million this year.

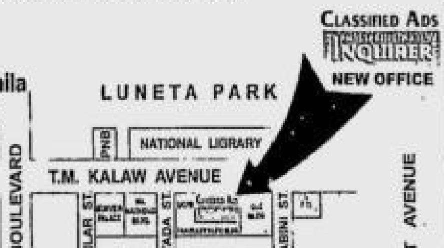
ANNOUNCEMENT
to our valued advertisers

PDI Kalaw Branch

has been transferred to:

G/F Traveller's Life Bldg.,
490 T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila
(in front of National Library)

To serve your advertising needs, please call
523-5570 (Trunk Line)
loc. 115 or 116
528-0213 • 525-7381



DOLE advisory

THE OVERSEAS WORKERS Welfare Administration (OWWA) will launch the "*Pamaskong Salubong sa OFW's*" today, 10 December 2007, 3 P.M. at Gate 16, Terminal I, Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

Opening Remarks will be made by Administrator Marianito D. Roque. Notable guests include the Hon. Chairman of the House Committee on Overseas Affairs Manuel "Way Kurat" Zamora, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Arturo Brion and Philippine Overseas Employment Administrator Rosalinda Baldoz. NAIA General Manager Alfonso Cusi will make the closing remarks.

OWWA's partners in the "*Pamaskong Salubong sa OFWs*" are Globe Telecoms, Landbank of the Philippines, Microsoft, Duty Free, Development Bank of the Philippines and Sun Life Financial.

Final Interview dates: December 10 & 11!

rapidaccess

For Immediate Hiring & Deployment! Late DECEMBER or mid-JANUARY 2008!

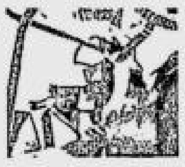
POEA ACCREDITATION NO. 10116938
United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Qatar

SERVICE (for ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL works, or both) MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS

GENERAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS & OTHER VITAL INFORMATION

- Hands on (mechanical or electrical) working experiences are a must (*this is not an office job!*) and **MUST** be willing to be assigned in any of the above-listed country
- Male, 25 ~ 45 years old ~ Preferably holder of Professional Drivers License (*but not necessarily required*) ~ can basically read schematic (*mechanical or electrical*) drawings
- MECHANICAL or ELECTRICAL graduates (*preferably vocational, or baccalaureate*), **MUST** be holders of any vocational (*automotive [light or heavy] mechanical/electrical*) or training school, college or university certificates or diplomas (*authenticated or attested by proper local authorities & respective embassies/consulate offices of UAE/KSA/QATAR*)
- **STARTING PACKAGE:** basic salary of 4,000.00 (*AED/SAR/QAR*) per month (*approximately US$1,150.00*) + overtime pay + housing allowance (*except in K.S.A. where housing is provided for FREE*)
- **FREE:** Health & Life Insurance (*ADB + Life*), Air Ticket (*w/30-days leave after 1-year of continued & uninterrupted employment*)
- **Bonuses** - after three (3)-months! (*NOTE: at employer's discretion*)

DUTIES & KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

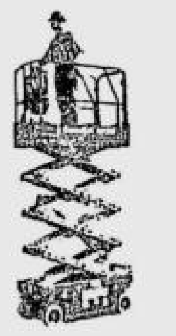


INSPECTION

- Carry out PDI (*Pre-Delivery Inspection*) of machines at depot, or on-site, as required
- Ensure that every machine inspected conforms to the regulations affecting its use
- Notify appropriate supervisor/manager of any defective or unsafe equipment

PLANNED MAINTENANCE

- Carry-out servicing of machines (*electrical or mechanical*) in accordance with company policy, manufacturers' recommendations and within agreed timescales
- Ensure that there is no deficiency or defect likely to affect the safe working of any machine
- Maintain the appearance of fleet according to corporate standards



REPAIR

- Inspect and repair machines at depot or on-site (*mechanically or electrically*) as required to ensure conformance with manufacturers' specification and company policy

CUSTOMER CARE

- Maintain high levels of personal appearance uniform and personal protective equipment as issued
- Act as an ambassador for the company, providing a high standard of customer care and being polite at all times
- Relay appropriate customer queries to depot staff as required
- Handover machines to customers and familiarize customers with machine operation in accordance with company procedures

ADMINISTRATION

- Accurately complete any and all relevant paperwork including engineer's report, off-hire/pre-delivery inspection and service sheets

This is a UK-based Expat-company! Enjoy 30-days paid vacation every year!

CHERUB MANPOWER INCORPORATED
P.O.E.A. LIC. No. - 377-LB 080102-R
2005 POEA Awardee!
1569- Copernico St. Brgy. San Isidro Makati City, Philippines
Tel. Nos.: (+632) 7572344 (connecting all depts.)
Fax Number: (+632) 7572379
Email add: cherubmanpower@yahoo.com, cml@l-manila.com.ph
Homepage/Website: www.cherub.com.ph

PRELIMINARY/PRE-QUALIFYING INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED DAILY!

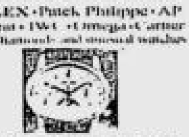
ABSOLUTELY NO PLACEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FROM ANY SUCCESSFULLY RECRUITED CANDIDATE
WE HAVE NO AGENTS ... SO BEWARE OF ILLEGAL RECRUITERS

FOR SALE
Condominium Unit
EASTWOOD CITY
One Orchard Tower
57sq.m. 1 BR
w/ 1 Car Slot
Call/Text:
(0917) 814-1148
(02) 727-6180

PAWN • BUY • SELL
ROLEX, AP PANERAI, OMEGA
CARTIER, IWC PATEK, BULGARI
SWISS WATCHES
GOLD & DIAMOND SPECIALISTS
sec ndo Glorietta
☎ 894-0282 • 889-7956

RYKEROLL RENT-A-VAN
07 URVAN ESCAPADE
10 HOURS P1,800
WITH DRIVER
7878776 / 7964377
09213497170

BUYING
ROLEX • Patek Philippe • AP • Panerai • IWC • Omega • Cartier
Also Diamonds and unusual watches



09178884040
7269687
email: worldwatches@gmail.com

Rare Investment Opportunity for DIRECT BUYERS
EASTWOOD CITY
P78,500/sqm. only
3BR Condo, Brand New, Great View
ONE ORCHARD TOWER 2
CALL Ferdie
@ 0917-3021065
CALL Tesa
@ 0917-8101663

BUY • SELL • PAWN
ROLEX
SWISS WATCHES LV BAGS
JEWELRY
DIAMONDS
BEST PRICE
SPOT CASH
3829198
8341572

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Sur
Municipality of Bantay

OFFICE OF THE BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

November 26, 2007

The Municipality of Bantay, through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the *Construction of Bantay Arcade (Phase II)* with an Approved Budget of the Contract of *Thirteen Million Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two and 50/100 Pesos (P 13,525,532.50)*.

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary "pass/fail" in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference/s, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR)

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	December 7, 2007
2. Pre-Bid Conference	December 11, 2007 @ 10:00 AM
3. Opening of Bids and Bid Evaluation	December 14, 2007 @ 2:00 PM
4. Post-Qualification	- x -
5. Notice of Award	- x -

The BAC will issue to Prospective Bidders Eligibility Forms at the Municipality of Bantay, Ilocos Sur, upon their submission of a LOI, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee (for Eligibility Form) to the Municipal Treasurer. Prospective Bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements to the BAC at the said address. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the same address.

The BAC will issue Bid Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be Eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable fee (for Bidding Documents) to the Municipal Treasurer of Bantay, Ilocos Sur.

The BAC and the Municipal Government of Bantay assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

Approved by:
(Sgd.) JONATHAN V. GOROSPE
BAC Chairman

(PDI--Dec. 3 & 10, 2007)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Philippine Sugar Center Bldg., North Ave., Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. No. (02) 454-0254
Website: www.nfa.gov.ph

December 7, 2007

TO : ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES

The National Food Authority is now accepting applications for insurance accreditation for 2008. Only companies having both fire insurance and surety bond services can apply. Accredited companies would serve the insurance bond requirements of grains businessmen for licensing purposes.

Please secure an application form and submit the following requirements to the NFA Business Regulations Department, 6th/Flr. SRA Bldg., North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City to wit:

1 Copy of current Certificate of Authority to operate issued by the Office of the Insurance Commission;
2. 2006 audited financial statements;
3. Resolution of the Board of Directors, certified under oath by the Corporate Secretary authorizing the company's representative as signatory to their application;
4. List of provincial branches and/or regional offices and agents/brokers throughout the country with their respective addresses, authorized signatories and underwriting limits;
5. SEC Certificate of registration with amendments, if any; and
6. Regional Trial Court Clearances where you have branches.

For further inquiries, please call 453-3900 local 6135 or 454-9321 during office hours and ask for Mgr. Yolanda C. Nieves or Ms. Sol Villamora.

(Sgd.) ATTY. EMILIO A. ANDRION JR., CESO V
Director, Business Regulation Department

(PDI–Dec. 10, 2007)

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS
The Widest Read Classifieds

More Classified Ads:

Bases Conversion Dev't. Authority B9
Livelihood Corporation B11
National Food Authority B11
Supply Chain Consulting B11

HUNGER MITIGATION PROGRAM

DA urges suppliers to bring produce to terminals

By Amy R. Remo

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY Arthur C. Yap has asked food suppliers to bring their produce directly to barangay food terminals and *bagsakan* centers to help bring down prices of basic commodities.

At the same time, Yap directed the Department of Agriculture's Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service to help the food suppliers transport their goods more efficiently.

"Making affordably priced produce accessible to low-income families forms part of the hunger mitigation program of our government," Yap said during his visit to the Commonwealth Market Saturday morning.

Rice, meat and vegetables in the BFTs and *bagsakan* centers are about 12 percent cheaper than those sold in regular retail outlets.

"This is why we are asking our suppliers to help us carry out this centerpiece antihunger program to guarantee the stable supply of basic goods in Metro Manila especially during the holidays," he added.

Meanwhile, Yap assured food suppliers that the DA was ready to help them sell their goods and earn higher profit margins.

He explained that with the BFTs and centers, producers can cut down on costly, unnecessary trading layers and instead, facilitate direct market links with retailers.

One example, Yap noted, was the recent move by the Lipa Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Limcoma) to set up a "Meat Shop ng Bayan" at a *bagsakan* center in Commonwealth Market in Quezon City.

Limcoma members said they could sell pork at only P125 a kilo as against the average price of P140 a kilo in other retail and wet markets in Metro Manila.

As a result, other stalls inside the Commonwealth Market were gradually pulling down their prices from P140 a kilo to as low as P130 a kilo.

"This only goes to show that if there is a concerted effort on the part of the DA and our food suppliers, we can make basic food items affordable and also raise incomes for agricultural producers," Yap noted.

The DA is helping Limcoma replicate its project in other major drop-off centers in Metro Manila, including wet markets in Pasig and Muntinlupa.

As of mid-October this year, 22 BFTs have already been set up in Metro Manila and six in other parts of Luzon and the Visayas.

These BFTs directly benefit over 450,000 families.

The DA plans to expand the Metro Manila network of BFTs to 27 by this year and then put up 48 more in the provinces by the end of next year.

SUPPLY CHAIN CONSULTING PHILIPPINES, INC.
is moving offices:

Starting December 10, 2007, our new address will be:

6th Flr. Southpark Plaza,
Santiago St. Paseo de
Magallanes, Makati City

Trunkline: 976-0500

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Region VII, Cebu City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PROCUREMENT OF 2008 TRANSFER OF NFA STOCKS THRU VOYAGE CHARTER OF NFA REGION VII

The **NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY**, through its *Corporate Budget for 2008* intends to apply the sum of *Ninety Eight Million Eight Hundred Sixty Four Thousand and Six Hundred Pesos (P98,864,600.00)* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Procurement of 2008 Transfer of NFA Stocks thru Voyage Charter of NFA Region 7.

The **National Food Authority**, Region VII, Cebu City is inviting all interested licensed operators of vessels/barges whether owned or chartered through Bareboat/Time/Voyage Charter to apply for eligibility and to bid under the Contract for Vessel/Barge Hire for the shipment of rice from Cebu City to various destinations as indicated below:

VOLUME SCHEDULED FOR SEA DISPERSAL

DESTINATION		Lot#	Maximum Quantity/Lot (bags)	Freight Rate/bag	Approved Budget for the Contract per lot	Bidding Fee
Province	Port					
Bantayan Is.	Sta. Fe	1	72,000	27.10	1,951,200.00	2,000.00
Camotes Is.	Tudela	2	64,000	23.20	1,484,800.00	2,000.00
Bohol	Tagbilaran	3	240,000	30.85	7,404,000.00	8,000.00
	Tapal	4	80,000	26.90	2,152,000.00	2,000.00
Negros Or.	Dumaguete	5	272,000	28.35	7,711,200.00	8,000.00
Siquijor	Larena	6	44,000	28.35	1,247,400.00	2,000.00
N. Leyte	Tacloban	7	344,000	36.35	12,504,400.00	10,000.00
	Ormoc	8	56,000	31.40	1,758,400.00	2,000.00
S. Leyte	Baybay	9	64,000	30.30	1,939,200.00	2,000.00
	Maasin	10	84,000	35.65	2,994,600.00	2,000.00
Biliran	Naval	11	104,000	38.15	3,967,600.00	2,000.00
W. Samar	Catbalogan	12	240,000	38.15	9,156,000.00	8,000.00
	Calbayog	13	136,000	34.75	4,726,000.00	4,000.00
N. Samar	San Jose	14	304,000	37.00	11,248,000.00	10,000.00
E. Samar	Borongan	15	188,000	45.40	8,535,200.00	8,000.00
	Guiuan	16	52,000	39.80	2,069,600.00	2,000.00
Zambo. del Sur	Pagadian	17	243,000	47.00	11,421,000.00	10,000.00
Zambo. del Norte	Dipolog	18	157,000	42.00	6,594,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL			*2,744,000*		*98,864,600.00*	*88,000.00*

Delivery of the GOODS is required upon receipt of Notice to Proceed until December 31, 2008, or upon completion of the services, whichever is applicable.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act." **Bidders must have a Largest Single Contract that is completed and accomplished within the twelve month period between 2004 up to the present which is similar in nature and the value thereof must be at least 50% of the ABC.** Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY and inspect the Bidding Documents at *NFA, Banilad, Cebu City* starting December 10, 2007 to January 03, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount indicated in the above table. The method of payment will be in cash.

The **NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY** will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on ***January 04, 2008 @ 9:00 AM*** at *NFA Training Center, 3rd Flr., Banilad, Cebu City*. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on ***January 18, 2008*** *not later than 9:00 AM*. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in an amount at least equal to, and not lower than a percentage of the Approved Budget for the Contract to be bid, in the following schedule and form or any combination thereof:

Form of Security	Minimum Amount in % of ABC to be bid
Cash or Cashier's/Manager's Check issued by a reputable commercial bank	One Percent (1%)
GSIS Surety Bond stamped "Callable on Demand"	Two & a Half Percent (2.5%)
Notarized Bank Guarantee	One & a Half Percent (1.5%)

Bid opening shall be on ***JANUARY 18, 2008 @ 9:00 AM at NFA Training Center, 3rd Flr., Banilad, Cebu City***. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend the bidding. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

The **NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY** reserves the right to accept bids most advantageous to the government or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
RAUL B. CHONG
Banilad, Cebu City
Tel # 032-232-1939
email address: nfaro7@cvis.net.ph
Fax # 032-233-6095
website: www.nfacebu.net.ph

(Sgd.) **RAUL B. CHONG**
RBAC Chairman/ARD

(PDI–Dec. 10, 2007)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVELIHOOD CORPORATION
7/F One Corporate Plaza Cond., 845 A. Arnaiz Ave., Legazpi Vill.,
Brgy. San Lorenzo, Makati City Tel. No. 817-0771

INVITATION TO BID

The Livelihood Corporation (LIVECOR) is offering for sale the properties described below:

OFFICE CONDOMINIUM (ENTIRE 7TH FLOOR)

	PROPERTY/LOCATION	AREA	DESCRIPTION	FLOOR PRICE
1	**ONE CORPORATE PLAZA** 7th/F, OCP, 845 A. Arnaiz Ave., Makati City	987.75 sq.m.	Condominium (Office Space ONLY, excluding furniture & fixtures)	44,449,000.00

INDUSTRIAL/ RESIDENTIAL LOTS:

	PROPERTY/LOCATION	AREA	DESCRIPTION	FLOOR PRICE
1	**LAGUNA PROPERTY** Km. 71, Brgy. San Andres, Alaminos, Laguna	17,394 sq.m.	Industrial Land	8,007,600.00
2	**DAVAO PROPERTY** R. Castillo St., Brgy. Agdao, Davao City	3,696 sq.m.	Light Industrial Land	6,914,000.00
3	**BULACAN PROPERTY** Purok 4, Brgy. Santissima Trinidad, Malolos City, Bulacan	3,397 sq.m.	Residential Land	2,718,000.00
4	**BOHOL PROPERTY** Brgy. Dampas, Tagbilaran City, Bohol	551 sq.m.	Residential Lots (2 adjoining lots)	1,653,000.00
5	**CABANATUAN PROPERTY** Brgy. Kalikid Sur, (Cabu), Cabanatuan City	1,335 sq.m.	Residential Land	304,000.00
6	**BACOLOD PROPERTY** Pag-asa St. Extension, Brgy. Tangub, Bacolod	220 sq.m.	Residential Land	616,000.00
7	**PANGASINAN PROPERTY** Brgy. Buenlag, Binmaley, Pangasinan	1,506 sq.m.	Residential Land	1,092,000.00

Conditions:

1. Winning bidders shall assume responsibility of paying any and/or all taxes relative to the sale or transfer of the properties.
2. Bidders bond shall not be less than 1% of the floor price.
3. Bidding documents can be secured upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 at the following address:

    BIDS and AWARDS COMMITTEE
    The Livelihood Corporation (LIVECOR)
    7th Floor One Corporate Plaza,
    845 A. Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City.

4. Pre-Bid Conference will be on December 19, 2007, Wednesday at 10:00 AM, Conference Room, The Livelihood Corporation, 7th Floor One Corporate Plaza, 845 A. Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City.
5. The sealed bids should be dropped at the designated drop box located at the security desk of the Livelihood Corporation, 7th Floor One Corporate Plaza, 845 A. Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City on or before 10:00 AM on Friday, January 18, 2008.
6. All bidders are enjoined to inspect the property/ies before submitting their bids.

For more details, please contact Luz C. Jacinto, BAC Secretariat at tel. no. (02) 817-07-71 or 817-04-64 and Cell No. 0918-6078530 or Felix Samson, Officer-in-Charge, EDMD at tel. no. 531-3324 and cell no. 0928-3038068.

THE CORPORATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL OFFERS AND TO WAIVE ANY DEFECTS OR TO ACCEPT SUCH OFFERS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CORPORATION.

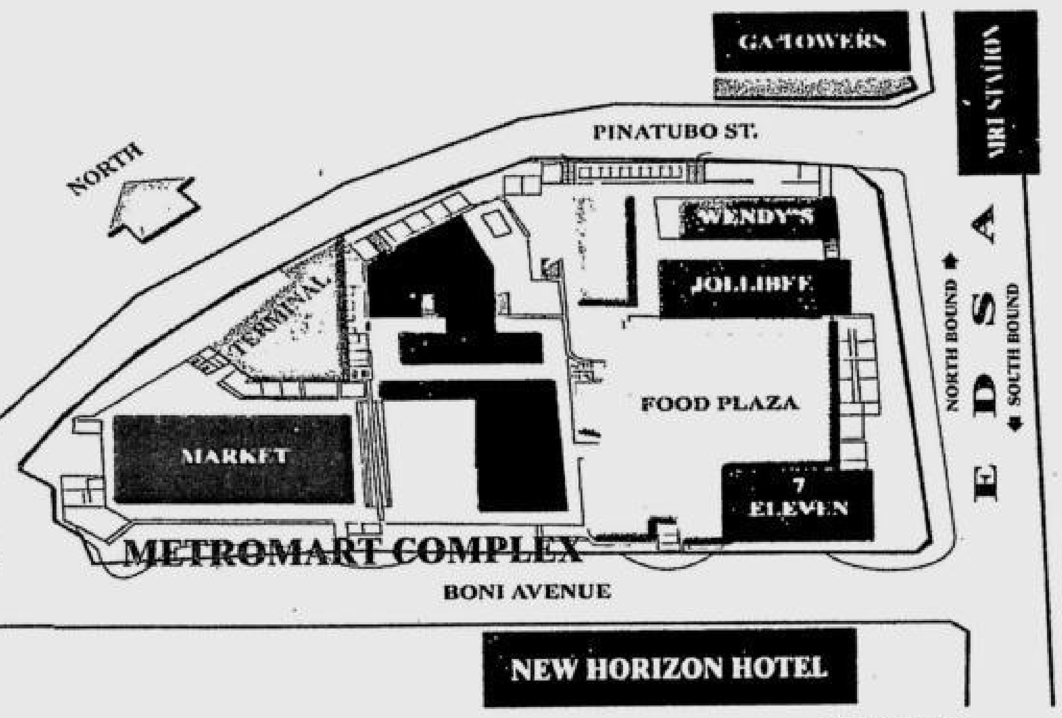
For the Bids and Awards Committee:

(Sgd.) **E. ALEXIS G. SEVIDAL, CESO IV**
Chairman

(PDI–Dec. 8, 9 & 10, 2007)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVELIHOOD CORPORATION
7/F One Corporate Plaza Cond., 845 A. Arnaiz Ave. Legazpi Vill.,
Brgy. San Lorenzo, Makati City Tel. No. 817-0771

PRIME PROPERTY FOR SALE



Vicinity Map

INVITATION TO BID

The Livelihood Corporation (LIVECOR), is offering for sale in cash or installment the property described below:

Description	: **Commercial Complex**
Area	: **7,428.0 square meters**
Address	: **Along EDSA cor. Boni Avenue and Pinatubo Sts., Mandaluyong City**
Floor Price	: **₱ 426,977,000.00**
Terms of Sale	: **Cash**

1. The sale of the property shall be on an **"AS-IS-WHERE-IS"** basis.
2. Bidders bond shall not be less than 1% of the floor price.
3. Bidding documents can be secured upon payment of non-refundable fee of ₱5,000.00 at the following address.

    BIDS and AWARDS COMMITTEE
    The Livelihood Corporation (LIVECOR)
    7th Floor One Corporate Plaza,
    845 A. Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City.

4. Pre-Bid Conference will be on December 19, 2007, Wednesday at 2:00PM, Conference Room, The Livelihood Corporation, 7th Floor One Corporate Plaza, 845 A. Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City.
5. The sealed bids should be dropped at the designated drop box located at the security desk of the Livelihood Corporation, 7th Floor One Corporate Plaza, 845 A. Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City on or before 2:00PM on January 18, 2008, Friday.
6. The property is available for inspection to all bidders during business days and hours from Mondays to Fridays.

For more details, please contact Luz C. Jacinto, BAC Secretariat at tel. no. (02) 817-07-71 / 817-04-64 and Cell No. 0918-6078530 or Felix Samson, Assistant Project Head, EDMD at tel. no. 531-3324 and cell no. 0928-3038068.

THE CORPORATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL OFFERS AND TO WAIVE ANY DEFECTS OR TO ACCEPT SUCH OFFERS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CORPORATION.

For the Bids and Awards Committee:

(Sgd.) **E. ALEXIS G. SEVIDAL, CESO IV**
Chairman

(PDI–Dec. 8, 9 & 10, 2007)

BUSINESS

IMF airs concern over RP's dwindling tax effort

Gov't registered gains in collection, but not enough to make a difference

By Michelle V. Remo

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY Fund has taken notice of the Philippines' dwindling tax effort and asked the government on what it has been doing to shore up tax collection.

"[A team from the IMF] wanted to know why the tax effort was falling," said Finance Undersecretary Gil Beltran. "We told them that efficiency of tax collection already showed signs of improvement recently, although this was not enough to increase tax effort in January to September."

The IMF made the inquiry during one of the meetings it held with government representatives last week. The IMF team arrived in Manila on Nov. 29 to assess the country's fiscal climate and overall economy. Members of the team are scheduled to leave tomorrow.

Beltran said the IMF visit was not a specialized monitoring activity because the Philippines earlier this year had already exited the IMF's post-program monitoring (PPM) due to improvements in the country's fiscal condition.

Tax effort, a closely watched economic indicator, settled at 14.4 percent in January to September this year, falling from 14.7 percent in the same period last year.

Tax effort is the national government's tax collection divided by the country's gross domestic product. The decline meant that the government failed to increase tax collection in step with the economy's growth.

Economic growth, which indicates higher corporate and/or household income, normally brings about a commensurate increase in tax collection. But finance officials admitted that collection efficiency problems, aggravated by delinquent taxpayers, were pulling down the tax effort despite better-than-expected performance of the economy.

The economy, as measured by gross domestic product, grew by 7.1 percent in the first three quarters from that of the same period last year, breaching the full-year growth target of 6.1 to 6.7 percent.

Ayala Malls
BPI Express Credit
Thrill'eMall
For: Eric
For: Angela
For: Trixie
For: Carlo
For: Daddy
For: Mommy
For: me
FREE AYALA CINEMA TICKET
Real Thrills!
Get Instant Rewards when you shop at your favorite Ayala Mall!
FREE 2 Timezone game coupons for a minimum single receipt of P1,000
FREE Ayala Cinema Ticket for a minimum single receipt of P2,000
Ayala Malls EGC
Redeem an Ayala EGC worth P1,000 or a discounted 1,000 Frequent User Privileges points with a minimum single receipt of P3,000
Glorietta
Greenbelt
Alabang Town Center
Ayala Center Cebu
Market! Market!
BPI
We'll take you farther

PLDT ordered to pay higher regulatory fee

By Riza T. Olchondra

THE PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEphone Co. (PLDT) is due to pay some P350 million in supervision and regulatory fee (SRF) to the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) this year after losing a 19-year court battle to exclude stock dividends from the SRF computation.

The NTC computes SRF based on telcos' capitalization. The companies pay the regulator an SRF of P0.50 centavos for every P100 of paid-in capital.

According to NTC data, PLDT has been paying SRF based on subscribed stock, excluding stock dividends. The telco paid around P300 million in 2006. Following the Supreme Court ruling, the telco may now have to pay P50 million more or some P350 million, starting this year.

Last week, the Supreme Court upheld a 1999 decision on how the SRF should be computed, and clarified that the assessment should include stock dividends.

PLDT's contention was that stock dividends should not be counted together with subscribed capital stock because the subscribers or shareholders do not pay for their issuances.

The Supreme Court rejected this reasoning and said that stockholders, by receiving stock dividends, are forced to exchange the monetary value of their dividend for capital stock, and the monetary value they forego is considered the actual payment for the original issuance of the stocks given as dividend.

"Therefore, stock dividends acquired by shareholders for the monetary value they forego are under the coverage of the SRF and the basis for the latter is such monetary value as declared by the board of directors," the Supreme Court ruling said.

PLDT spokesperson Ramon Isberto declined to comment on the Supreme Court decision, saying that the telco has yet to receive a copy of the ruling.

NTC deputy commissioner Jorge Sarmiento said the regulator has not received a copy either, but said the Supreme Court decision backing the agency's computation means that PLDT will have to pay SRFs. But the actual amount to be paid for 2007, and all other unpaid SRF over the past years, have yet to be finalized based on the high court's decision.

Canada miner raises P399M for exploration

By Ronnel W. Domingo

CANADIAN MINING FIRM MBMI REsources Inc. announced it had raised about P399.5 million from the issuance of common shares and purchase warrants through the TSX Venture exchange.

The company said in a statement the net proceeds would be used for exploration and development of its Philippine nickel mineral properties and for general corporate purposes.

MBMI's local unit, Narra Nickel, has secured three small scale mine operating (SSMO) permits for the Alpha nickel laterite project in Palawan.

While an SSMO does not entitle a firm to engage in full-scale mining operations, it does allow annual shipments of up to 50,000 dry metric tons of material for a two-year period from each 20-hectare permitted area.

MBMI said that, so far, at least 70,000 wet metric tons of mineralized material has been excavated and transported to the stock yard where it is being prepared for shipment.

This came about after MBMI secured last month four supply deals with buyers from China, Australia and Japan. The firm in June had already commenced shipments to buyers in South Korea and China.

The agreements covered nickel supplies, with content ranging from 1.5 percent nickel to about 2.3 percent.

The agreements were forged with Sinosteel Raw Materials Co., Hubei Jin Hui, and BHP's QNI Group, each for 35,000 to 40,000 dry metric tons of ore; and Nippon Yakin Kogyo Co. Ltd. for 6,000 and 8,000 DMT of material.

As of last month, MBMI had said the supply for Sinosteel Raw Materials was being prepared for shipment and that the buyer was securing the carrying vessel.

BUSINESS Monday

E-mail: business@inquirer.com.ph
Website: www.inquirer.net/business
Business Features Editor **Margie Quimpo-Espino**

Daddy's girl turns into a woman

From party animal to make-up free executive

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

KATRINA PONCE-ENRILE WILL be the first to admit that when she joined her father's company in 1989 as treasurer, she was more of a glorified rubber stamp.

All that the Political Science graduate of the University of the Philippines did was sign checks since much of the work was done by the competent staff led by Nora Bitong, former chief executive officer of the diversified Jaka group of Sen. Juan Ponce-Enrile.

But even then she knew that she was capable of doing so much more.

She did not care that there were people who dismissed her as little more than a party girl and the apple of her father's eye.

Ponce-Enrile was certainly put to the test in 1998 when she took over the reins of the company when her brother, Jack, gave them up to enter politics.

By some unfortunate twist of fate, Ponce-Enrile took over as chief executive officer just three months before the highly diversified company felt the full impact of the 1997 Asian currency crisis.

Growing up

She says in an interview that she had to grow up in a hurry and muster all the resources she did not even know she had in her because she just had to save the company from being shuttered.

At that time, creditors were knocking on her door, all wanting to get their hands on Jaka, which was saddled with over P2 billion in debt.

Revenues were fast drying up and she faced the very real possibility that the Jaka group would become just a footnote in corporate history.

Determined to rescue the company from the depths of its misery, Katrina and her management team took a close look at the group and together made the difficult decision of closing some subsidiaries so that others would be saved.

"We just looked at the companies and those that did not contribute positively to the bottom line, we had to get rid of," she says, "during the good times, Jaka had a lot of borderline companies, like an air charter service, mineral water firm and a poultry farm."

These companies just had to go because these were weighing down Jaka, threatening to pull the entire group under.

After weeding out some subsidiaries, the Jaka group was left with five areas of competence: lights and woods; financial services; property and securities operations; distribution and logistics and food distribution.

The closure of some companies and the improvements in the others helped Jaka emerge from the crisis bruised but still alive, and Ponce-Enrile has survived to tell the tale.

"Looking back, I really did not feel such an impact on me at that time because I did not know what was coming to me. I just tried to do what I needed to do," she says.

Ponce-Enrile stresses, however, that the Jaka group has not stopped improving itself and has even set its sights on again becoming the major industry player that it was before.

"We are slowly getting into things, but not as grand. We have a view of investing in doable, little things that will immediately turn in a profit. No more grand projects for us... we know our strengths," Ponce-Enrile says.

New projects

Among these "little" things are a new restaurant that will sell restaurant-style Filipino food, something of a high end *carinderia* where viands will sell at about P120 an order, and a new property development project in Batangas that will hopefully ride on the tourism and real estate boom.

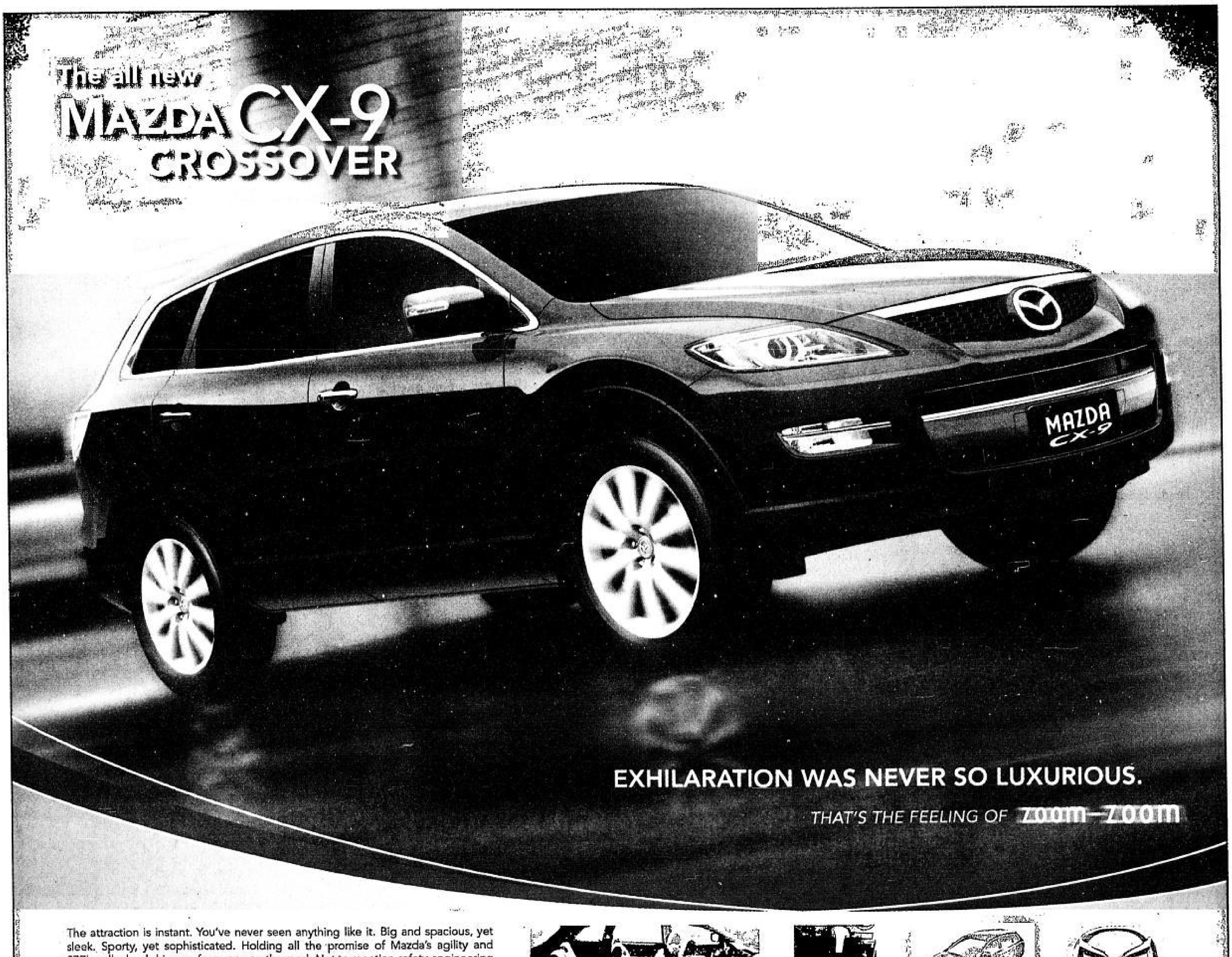
Slow but sure is the pace that she wants to take in these days of Jaka's renewed growth.

Looking back on her troubles during the crisis years, Ponce-

DADDY'S GIRL/ B2-3

JAKA group CEO Katrina Ponce-Enrile

PHOTOS BY JEROME DUMLAO


The all new
MAZDA CX-9
CROSSOVER
MAZDA CX-9
EXHILARATION WAS NEVER SO LUXURIOUS.
THAT'S THE FEELING OF zoom-zoom
• Luxury interiors that comfortably seat 7
• 6 speed Activematic
• Highest NHTSA SUV safety ratings

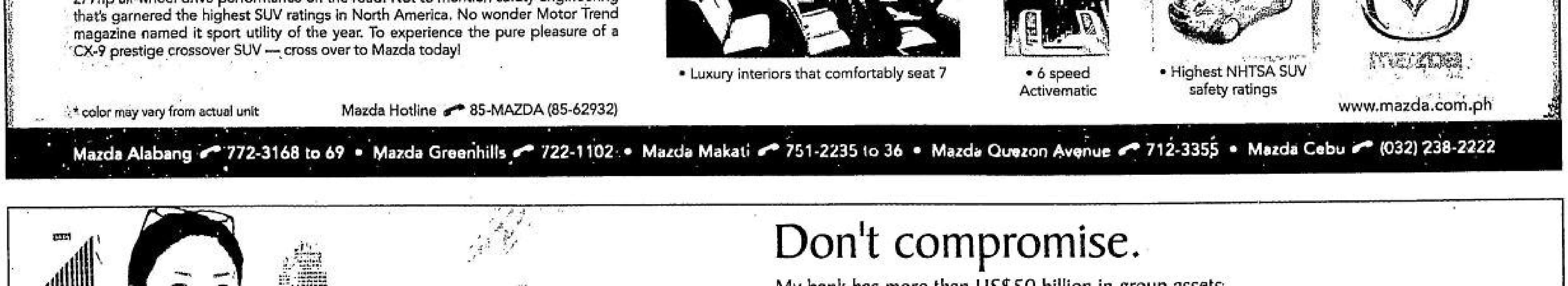
The attraction is instant. You've never seen anything like it. Big and spacious, yet sleek. Sporty, yet sophisticated. Holding all the promise of Mazda's agility and 277hp all-wheel drive performance on the road. Not to mention safety engineering that's garnered the highest SUV ratings in North America. No wonder Motor Trend magazine named it sport utility of the year. To experience the pure pleasure of a CX-9 prestige crossover SUV — cross over to Mazda today!

* color may vary from actual unit

Mazda Hotline ☎ 85-MAZDA (85-62932)

www.mazda.com.ph

Mazda Alabang ☎ 772-3168 to 69 • Mazda Greenhills ☎ 722-1102 • Mazda Makati ☎ 751-2235 to 36 • Mazda Quezon Avenue ☎ 712-3355 • Mazda Cebu ☎ (032) 238-2222



Don't compromise.

My bank has more than US$50 billion in group assets.
My bank is one of the top 20 banks in Asia.
My bank has local touch and global reach.

My bank is Maybank.

Maybank

Your next TV?

Big and flat, for sure

By Charles E. Buban

THE OLD CRT (CATHODE -ray tube) televisions are on their way out as high-definition LCD (liquid crystal display) TVs are slowly inching their way into our living rooms.

According to the local subsidiary of South Korean electronic giant Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., LCD TVs are making inroads because the cost of manufacturing LCD screens has fallen and that recent advances in technology has somehow solved a number of LCD TVs' weak points.

"Flat displays are the future of living room entertainment, and this early, the market is showing a shift in preference toward LCD TV," said Jerry Raymond Lacson, GM for marketing of Samsung Electronics Philippines during the unveiling of the company's F8 series of LCD high definition TVs.

Lacson said with the launch of Samsung F8 series, the company expects to continue its market dominance (at 39 percent share) and hope to increase market share to 45 percent by 2010.

Samsung CTV product manager Roma Ramirez added that, at the moment, Samsung's LCD TV products contribute about 10 percent to the total revenue of Samsung's Consumer Electronic business.

"We expect this figure to reach 20 percent to 25 percent by next year as the sale of the F8 series goes underway," said Ramirez.

SAMSUNG'S F8 series of LCD HDTV eliminates blurring in fast-paced on-screen movements.

Technological advantage

She said the F8 series represents Samsung's technological leadership in LCD HDTV.

Available in 46-inch (P199,900) and 52-inch (P369,900) versions, both models are equipped with 100-hertz Motion Plus technology, full HD 1080p, super clear LCD panel technology, plus a host of other technological advances.

The three new features have done away with the problems that haunt most LCD HDTVs in the market today.

"The 100-hertz Motion Plus technology enables the F8 series to eliminate the blurring in fast-paced on-screen movements," explained Ramirez.

This technology refreshes LCD TV images at 100 times a second (versus the 60 times rate of typical LCDs), which leads to a smoother visual presentation to human eyes.

Full HD

Having a full HD 1080p (1,920 x 1,080 progressive scan), on the other hand, enables viewers to enjoy greater sense of depth and superior image detail.

"This technology also enables the F8 series to display all the pixels carried in a 1080i broadcast or stored on a Blu-ray or HD-DVD disc," she added.

"With full HD 1080p and Samsung's super clear LCD panel technology, the F8 delivers blacker blacks, varied shades of grey and resolutions nearly two times sharper than conventional HDTVs," Ramirez said. "Equipped with wide color enhancer, the F8 can create a wider range of colors to make the traditionally weak green and blue look deeper and clearer."

For movie buffs and game enthusiasts, the F8 series features two additional built-in sub-woofers that drive more power into the lower frequencies of the 2.2 channel stereo, while Samsung's Game Mode deepens the units' rich bass, sharpens images and provides richer colors.

Biggest LCD HDTV

Also during the launch, Samsung also gave a sneak peek at its 70-inch HD LCD TV, which is the biggest in the market at the moment.

With a price tag of around P2.5 million, it packs all the niceties, like a 1,920 x 1,080 full HD resolution, 2000:1 contrast ratio, as well as a 180 degrees of view angle.

Ramirez said the 70-inch HD LCD TV is targeting the premium market.

"Even at such price, the company is getting substantial amount of advance orders as this behemoth will surely give its owner big-time bragging rights," Lacson said.

IN ROLLY, discotheque meets Star Wars' R2-D2.

FUTURE GADGETS HERE AND NOW

Sony unveils skinny display and a robot that plays music

By Raquel P. Gomez

MEET ROLLY, SONY'S EGG-SHAPED "sound entertainment player," which may be a robot or a music device—depending on how you look at it.

In the mini-sized Rolly—Sony's answer to Apple's Ipod—discotheque meets Star Wars' R2-D2.

While playing music through built-in speakers, Rolly does the twist, gyrates, flaps and rotates its robotic wings, literally whipping up a storm with a neon show of green and blue lights.

The one gig-capacity Rolly, equipped with Sony's audio, motion control and sensor technologies, made its Philippine appearance when Sony celebrated its 10th year of operations here.

The device, sold for US$350 in Japan, belongs to the "intelligent" products line, more of which Sony plans to develop in the future.

"Sony never stops to search for ways to improve lives through product innovation and solutions," says Toshiya Kagita, Sony Philippines president and managing director. "This is why we decided to give Filipinos a sneak peak at what's in store for them."

Aside from Rolly, Sony showed off its OLED technology applied in a Sony notebook resulting in a super thin display.

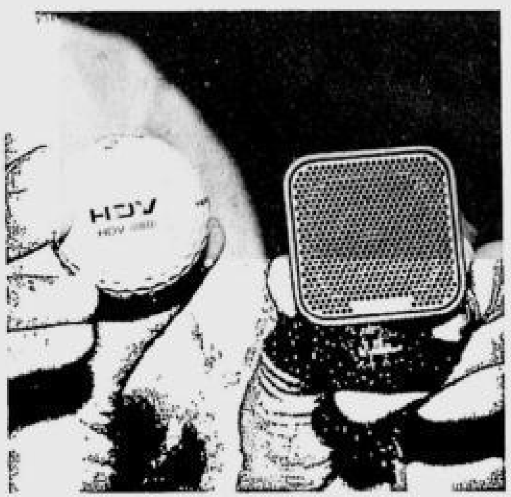
OLED, or Organic Light-Emitting Diode, is a self luminous display that does not require a back-light and consumes less power. It makes possible screens that are thinner than LCDs—the current craze in the flat-panel TV market today.

Sony has already started commercial production of OLED TVs and announced that the 3-mm thin TV sets would hit the shelves in Japan at the end of the year.

"OLED is currently being used in digital cameras, mobile phones, and video-mp3 players," says Takashi Kozu, vice president for marketing Sony Philippines. "However, Sony will be the first brand to produce an OLED television."

Sony's digital camera, part of the new Cybershot family, has also been infused with some "intelligence" as the camera now features the "smile shutter technology." This camera won't shoot unless the subject smiles.

WITH THE DEVELOPMENT of OLED technology, this notebook is turned into a wafer-thin device.



SONY'S sound system featuring minute satellite speakers the size of a golf ball (above), with remote control (below).

Sony made a huge impact in the home entertainment scene when it introduced the DAV-IS10—a sound system featuring minute satellite speakers the size of a golf ball, a slim remote control, a sleek main unit, and a subwoofer that can transmit 450 watts of sound to the tiny speakers. This is possible through Sony's 32-bit S Master Digital Amplifier.

Sony also showcased a wireless home entertainment system, enabled by Bluetooth technology. It features wireless music streaming and plays in many Sony Bluetooth music devices such as portable stereo speakers, micro components and digital music players, including Rolly.

Through its latest showcase of products, Sony has put forward key pioneering technologies.

Bravia Engine PRO in flat panel TVs gives the highest quality image processing available. Sparkling Wega 2.0 is the evolution of the Trinitron picture tube that focuses on brightness and picture quality. BIONZ is the advanced image processing engine featured in Sony SLR camera. ClearVid CMOS Sensor is the image sensor of Handycam camcorders that uses a 45" angle layout to double the size of each pixel for wider color range. Live Color Creation aids in achieving life-like colors by effectively producing "Wine Red," a type of red only a Bravia LCD TV could deliver. Clear Stereo/Clear Bass prevents leaking of noise signals from channel to another while retaining clear stereo sound and enhancing bass sound quality.

Now back to the dance-minded Rolly: We just hope that this thing—which can also mimic sounds from a chopper, train, waves, horse, and wolf, apart from dancing and playing music—won't go near Sony's famous robotic dog Aibo. Just think of the consequences.

TOSHIBA
Leading Innovation >>>

Toshiba recommends Windows Vista® Business.

White Art

Turn your business into an art with the glossy pearl-white PORTEGE M600.

A Toshiba Notebook PC is business at its best. Now Toshiba's PORTEGE M600 - powered by Intel® Centrino® Duo Processor Technology - with wider 13.3" screen combines solid performance with sophistication. With our wide range of EasyGuard features, we've got business computing down to a fine art.

Made Above All

PORTEGE M600-E341
Model No: PPM60L-02V00K
Lightweight widescreen ultraportable on the go
P 7,915.83 per month for 12 months at 0% interest (SRP 94,990.00)

- Intel® Centrino® Duo Processor Technology
  - Intel® Core™2 Duo Processor T7300 (2.0GHz, 4MB L2 Cache, 800MHz FSB)
  - Intel® PRO/Wireless 3945ABG Network Connection 802.11a/g
  - Intel® 965GM Express Chipset
- Genuine Windows Vista® Home Premium Edition
- 1024MB DDR2 SDRAM
- 160GB (SATA) with shock absorbers
- DVD SuperMulti Double Layer Drive (DVD±RW/RAM)
- 33.78cm (13.3") WXGA (200NIT) TFT Clear SuperView display
- 1.3 Megapixel Web Camera
- 5-in-1 Card Reader
- Bluetooth™ V2.0 w/ Enhanced Data Rate
- 10/100Mbps Ethernet LAN
- 1.99kg with Glossy Pearl White Chassis
- 3-year carry-in International Limited Warranty (parts & labor)

Toshiba EasyGuard:
Protect & Fix: HDD protection (3D motion sensor), Toshiba PC Diagnostics Tool
Connect: Toshiba ConfigFree™, Toshiba Summit

PORTEGE M600-E363
Model No: PPM60L-05M009
Lightweight widescreen ultraportable for business productivity
P7,499.17 per month for 12 months at 0% interest (SRP 89,990.00)

- Intel® Centrino® Duo Processor Technology
  - Intel® Core™2 Duo Processor T7250 (2.0GHz, 4MB L2 Cache, 800MHz FSB)
  - Intel® PRO/Wireless 4965AGN Network Connection 802.11a/g/n
  - Intel® 965GM Express Chipset
- Genuine Windows Vista® Business Edition
- 1024MB DDR2 SDRAM
- 160GB (SATA) with shock absorbers
- DVD SuperMulti Double Layer Drive (DVD±RW/RAM)
- 33.78cm (13.3") WXGA (200NIT) TFT Clear SuperView display
- 1.3 Megapixel Web Camera
- 5-in-1 Card Reader
- Bluetooth™ V2.0 w/ Enhanced Data Rate
- 10/100Mbps Ethernet LAN
- 1.99kg with Glossy Pearl White Chassis
- 3-year carry-in International Limited Warranty (parts & labor)

Toshiba EasyGuard:
Protect & Fix: HDD protection (3D motion sensor), Toshiba PC Diagnostics Tool
Connect: Toshiba ConfigFree™, Toshiba Summit

EasyGuard. Easy Life.
Protect & Fix · Secure · Connect · Optimize
1.3 megapixel web camera for web/video conferencing
HDD Shock Protection
Toshiba ConfigFree™
FingerPrint Reader
Features available in selected models.

890-6525 Enquiry
www.pc.toshiba-asia.com
Toshiba Authorized Retailers

Talk-2-Toshiba
A 24/7 toll-free call-back servicefor warranty and technical support OR call us at +65 6744 7717

0% Interest Instalment Plan applicable to purchases made with:
- Bank of the Philippine Islands/ BPI Express Credit
- AIG Credit Card
- Standard Chartered
- Banco De Oro
- Metrobank Card Corp.
- Equitable Card

Subject to bank approval. Valid only if monthly bills are paid in full.
Promo Period: October 1 - December 31, 2007
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3347, Series of 2007

Toshiba Mobile Computing Partner:
Tricom Dynamics, Inc www.tricom.com.ph
MAKATI : Metro House Bldg., 345 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave.; Tels. 890-6525 to 32 Fax 890-0698
CEBU : 2/F Machay Bldg., 30 Gorordo Ave.; Tels. 253-6517; 233-7785; 232-6391 Fax 231-0681
DAVAO : G/F LKT Bldg., R. Castillo St., Agdao; Tels. 227-4137 to 38 Fax 227-4147
CAGAYAN DE ORO : Moreno Bldg., Gusa Highway; Tels. 22-733-158; 855-5388 Fax 22-733-273

Authorized Corporate Resellers:
MICROPHASE ENTERPRISE CO.: 750-0827 to 38 / 812-6814; MICRO IMAGE: 752-4525 to 29 / 840-4050 to 51 / 840-4323; MICROGENESIS BUSINESS SYSTEMS: 893-0264 / 892-4447 / 892-4449; MICROPACIFIC TECHNOLOGIES & SYSTEMS CORPORATION: 840-4583, CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES INC. : 400-4222, ZENSHIN SYSTEMS CORP.: 365-0536 / 366-9395, SIM COMPUTER: 890-0642 / 890-2724 / 896-0170, PRINCE TECH: 729-7701 to 02, TETRA TECHNOLOGIES: 718-2684, MICROGOLD: 884-1571 / 884-1576, NEXT INNOVATION: 687-4913 to 15; NORTHGATE TECHNOLOGIES: 724-4387 (4405) / 893-7454/64, AXIS COMPUTER: 750-6804 or 750-6810, METASYSTEMS: 534-2136 to 41, PEOPLE eSERVE: 891-0742, INFOPRO: 895-3430 / 890-6110 ; S&S COMPUTER CORP.: 722-7481 / 725-4892, VIRTUALITY: 727-7632 / 726-8226, NORTHGATE: 844-6477 / 843-5382; eSHOP: 850-8562 / 775-0430; NEXT INNOVATION: 687-4913 to 16, ADVANCE MICROSOFT SYSTEM CORP: 635-4181 to 87, ABSOLUTE SOLUTIONS ENTERPRISE: 927-6120 / 455-1475, GEMORA ELECTRONIC MARKETING & SERVICES: 895-9182 to 15, PROVANTAGE SYSTEMS: 833-1678 / 833-6877 to 79, VALUE LINE SYSTEMS & SOLUTIONS: 925-2938 / 925-7623, XORAND ZOLUTIONS: 893-0407, S1 TECHNOLOGIES: 371-6808 / 374-4906, COMGATE: 635-4804 / 687-0597 / 634-2362, ENIGMA: Cavite (046) 417-3928 / 417-1402 / 741-1067; Laguna (049) 837-8134 / (049) 534-3528 / 534-9562

beyond freedom
www.pc.toshiba-asia.com

intel Centrino Duo
Core 2 Duo Inside

MOVEMENTS

PAL's Cruz elected Aseanta president

PHILIPPINE Airlines vice president for marketing support Felix J. Cruz has been elected president of the Asean Tourism Association (Aseanta), the region's premier tourism organization, following the resignation of Elly Hutabarat of Indonesia recently.

Cruz, erstwhile deputy president of Aseanta, was elected to serve the unexpired term of Hutabarat, from Oct. 27, 2007 to Jan. 31, 2009, as head of the influential tourism body.

Steering the organization with him are William Tan of the National Association of Travel Agents Singapore as treasurer and Datuk Mohammad Ilyas Zainol Abidin of the Malaysian Association of Hotels as secretary general. The appointment of a new deputy president will be discussed at the next Aseanta board meeting in January 2008.

Cruz said the airline sector was a major catalyst for further boosting tourism in Asean, signaling that this would be a focus of his term.

"I encourage more active participation from the airlines because the development of tourism into and within the Asean region will not be possible without the vital support of the air transport sector," he said.

Cruz has served as PAL's vice president for marketing support since 1999. In that capacity, he oversees the Philippine flag carrier's product research and development, advertising and promotions, product loyalty marketing, in-house tour programs, and customer relations.

Founded in March 1971, the Kuala Lumpur-based Aseanta comprises both public and private sector organizations involved in tourism from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

These include national tourism organizations, such as the Philippine Department of Tourism; national travel agencies associations; national hotel associations; and national airlines from all 10 Asean member countries.

Over the last 36 years, Aseanta has grown to become the leading tourism association in the region, playing an integral role in elevating Asean into one of the world's prime tourist destinations, and building tourism into one of Asean's largest and most economically important industries.

Apac appoints first Filipinos as regional VPs

APAC Customer Services Inc. (Apac), a leading provider of customer care and solutions, has announced the promotions of Amabelle Ramos-Pertierra and Joe Mar Tabarangao as regional vice presidents of operations, for the healthcare segment. The promotions represent the first Filipino promotions to vice president rank at Apac.

Apac is the market leader for complex inbound healthcare voice applications in the Philippines, Apac Philippines country manager Jim Griffin said. Our knowledge and specialized resources, including curriculum development, have created a competitive advantage for us in this segment which has resulted in our rapid growth in this area, and now in the opportunity to promote from within to VP rank.

Ramos-Pertierra joined Apac in 2003 as a workforce manager. She held the operations manager post for the healthcare segment for a year and became senior operations manager and then director of operations. As vice president she will lead four operations managers handling 10 different healthcare clients.

Tabarangao was part of the Apac's pioneer team in 2003. He was promoted to operations manager, senior operations manager and director of operations.

As vice president he will lead three operations managers who oversee three large healthcare clients plus a client in the travel segment.

Since the beginning of the year, we have promoted 72 people to team leader positions, eight people to new manager posts, and six people to new director positions, reports Griffin.

Apac's total leadership ranks have grown from 395 in January this year, to 606 today. This refers to supervisor, manager and director-level promotions. This is a 53-percent increase in leadership team size since the beginning of the year. The increase is expected to continue with the opening of its fourth facility in 2008. Apac began its Philippine operations in 2003 and continues to strategically invest in various operations.

Juniper appoints new officer

JUNIPER Networks Inc., the leader in high-performance networking, has appointed Penny Wilson as chief marketing officer. With more than 25 years of marketing and technology leadership experience, Wilson joins Juniper Networks after serving as senior vice president and chief marketing officer at Macromedia Inc., acquired by Adobe Systems Inc.

"We are excited that Penny is on board to lead our global marketing organization," said Stephen Elop, chief operating officer, Juniper Networks. "Penny's extensive marketing and technology background will enable us to clearly articulate Juniper's value proposition to the market and deepen our dialogue with those high-performance businesses that view their networks as critical to their success."

Wilson will be responsible for leading Juniper's global marketing programs and resources. Working closely with the executive management team, she will direct the company's global marketing initiatives designed to align and support the company's corporate strategy and growth plans. Wilson will report directly to Elop.

As former SVP and chief marketing officer for Macromedia, she led the company's worldwide marketing efforts leading up to and through the successful acquisition by Adobe Systems Inc. in December 2005. Some key assignments included spearheading Macromedia's vertical market strategy, executing the launch of the MX-series product line, and building the online entertainment portal for Shockwave.com.

Daddy's girl turns into a woman

From page B2-1

Enrile says she realized that she possessed more strength than she gave herself credit for.

It may have helped that she had always been held up against formidable standards by her parents, especially her father.

"His standards were very high. When he wanted something done, he wanted it done immediately. He was always very impatient," Ponce-Enrile says.

From her mother, she says she learned table manners and inherited a love for music. She remembers growing up to different sounds around the house—Broadway, classics and opera.

Children

Also contributing to the development of her character are her children, the eldest of which she had at 19 years old.

Ponce-Enrile says that her daughter now works in an asset management firm in New York and comes home once in a while to visit her mother and three younger siblings—Juan Rodrigo C. Ponce-Enrile, in his third year at the University of the Philippines taking Tourism; 15-year-old Kristen Noelle de la Calzada and 8-year-old Cristiana Aleyna C. Ponce-Enrile.

She adds in jest that it is not really work that raises her stress levels, but her children.

If she looks more at peace, part of the reason is her finding a new love—husband James Kocher.

Ponce-Enrile says that these days, she would be found going to the office without a trace of makeup. She sometimes goes in her Bermuda shorts. She adds that she only bothers to get dressed up when she has to go somewhere or if she has to meet people.

> 'There are more important things than setting hair'

"There are more important things than setting your hair," she declares.

Put down her casual attitude, she says, to her tendency to just take things in stride, no matter how difficult the situation.

What get her riled up are employees who do not tell the truth.

"I don't like surprises and I don't like it when people come to me with a problem and no recommended solutions. I tell them that if you want me to give you all the answers, then I might as well have your salary," she said.

Ponce-Enrile puts in a lot of time at work and gets in bright and early because she has largely given up the nightlife.

She no longer goes to a party practically every night, like she did in her teens, and instead prefers to go to small parties thrown by friends and family. She even gets to spend more time these days with her 83-year-old father who lives with her in the same compound.

It's a more quiet life, she says, and one she has no intention of giving up.

intel
Xeon inside
Quad-core. Unmatched.

ALTERNATIVE THINKING ABOUT MULTI-PROCESSING:

Sharing The Load Makes Work Easier With A Multi-processor Server.

With the incredible computing power of the HP ProLiant DL380 G5 Server, powered by the Quad-Core Intel® Xeon® Processor, your business can harness the immense computing power it needs to succeed. Save more management time with Systems Insight Manager and Integrated Lights Out 2 firmware that optimizes remote management and virtually eliminates the need for onsite assistance.

Technology for better business outcomes.

HP PROLIANT DL380 G5 SERVER
Php 238,000
- One (1) Quad-Core Intel® Xeon® Processor E5320* (1.86 GHz, 1066Mhz FSB)
- 2 GB PC2-5300 Fully Buffered DIMMs (DDR2-667)
- Embedded Dual Port NC373i Multifunction Gigabit NICs
- Smart Array P400 RAID Controller (RAID 0/1/5)
- (2) HP 72GB 10K SAS 2.5 Hot Plug Hard Drives

HP PROLIANT ML350 G5
Php 160,000
- One (1) Quad-Core Intel® Xeon® Processor E5310* (1.6 GHz, 1066 Mhz FSB)
- 1 GB PC2-5300 Fully Buffered DIMMs (DDR2-667)
- Embedded Dual port NC373i Multifunction Gigabit NIC
- Smart Array E200i SAS RAID Controller (RAID 0/1/5)
- (2) HP 72GB 10K SAS 2.5 Hot Plug Hard Drives

HP PROLIANT ML370 G5
Php 238,000
- One (1) Quad-Core Intel® Xeon® Processor E5320* (1.86 GHz, 1066Mhz FSB)
- 2 GB PC2-5300 Fully Buffered DIMMs (DDR2-667)
- Embedded Dual Port NC373i Multifunction Gigabit NICs
- HP Smart Array P400 RAID Controller (RAID 0/1/5)
- (2) HP 72GB 10K SAS 2.5 Hot Plug Hard Drives

HP PROLIANT DL360 G5
Php 217,000
- One (1) Quad-Core Intel® Xeon® Processor E5320* (1.86 GHz, 1066Mhz FSB)
- 1GB PC2-5300 Fully Buffered DIMMs (DDR2-667)
- Embedded Dual Port NC373i Multifunction Gigabit NICs
- HP Smart Array P400i RIAD Controller (RAID 0/1/5)
- (2) HP 72GB 10K SAS 2.5 Hot Plug Hard Drives

PROMO MECHANICS:

Purchase any qualified HP ProLiant ML350 G5 / ML370 G5 / DL360 G5 / DL380 G5 bundle from December 1 to 31, 2007 and get a Pamaskong ProLiant^ gift! Choose one gift from either:
- PlayStation Portable OR
- DVD Portable OR
- Digital Camera

Attach a Microsoft® Windows® Server 2003 OEM 5 CAL from HP (part#409179-B21) with any qualified HP ProLiant server bundles and get a shopping voucher worth Php 2,500!

Hurry! Visit your nearest HP reseller now!

For a peace of mind
Call 1-800-1441-6688
or (632) 867-3557
Email at ph.contact@hp.com
Visit at www.iloveproliant.com.ph

hp

^For promotion terms and conditions, please visit www.iloveproliant.com.ph

©2007 Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P. Celeron, Celeron Inside, Centrino, Centrino Logo, Core Inside, Intel, Intel Logo, Intel Core, Intel Inside, Intel Inside Logo, Intel Viiv, Intel vPro, Itanium, Itanium Inside, Pentium, Pentium Inside, Xeon, and Xeon Inside is a trademark of Intel Corporation in the U.S. and other countries. *Intel's numbering is not a measurement of higher performance. Other products mentioned herein may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective companies. The HP Contact Center is available Mondays thru Fridays 8:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m

TeleTech Reaches

15,000

Strong Workforce in the Philippines

Join us on our way to 25,000!

TeleTech®

Truly The Largest and the Fastest Growing BPO Company

Continuing to provide TeleTech with solutions, not just properties

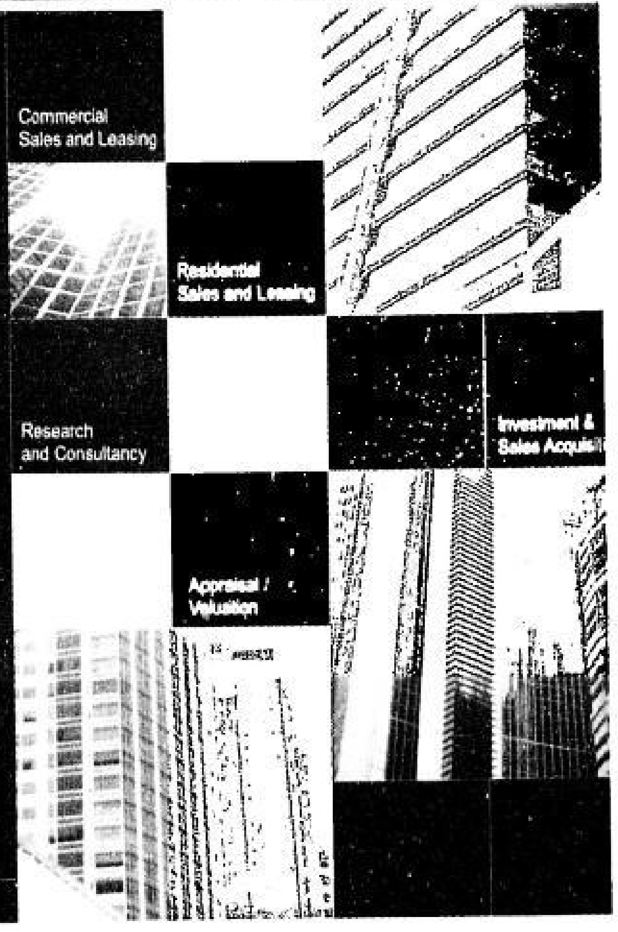
LEECHIU & ASSOCIATES
PROPERTY CONSULTANTS

A Member of Savills International savills

For all your property requirements, please contact:

David Leechiu
President & General Manager

9/F 88 Corporate Center
Sedeño cor. Valero Streets, Salcedo Village, 1227 Makati City, Philippines
Tel: (632) 889 6571 Fax: (632) 889 2700
dleechiu@LNA.com.ph
www.savills.com


Commercial Sales and Leasing
Residential Sales and Leasing
Research and Consultancy
Investment & Sales Acquisi
Appraisal / Valuation

E-mail: business@inquirer.com.ph
BUSINESS Monday
Website: www.inquirer.net/business

RP mobile media set for sea change

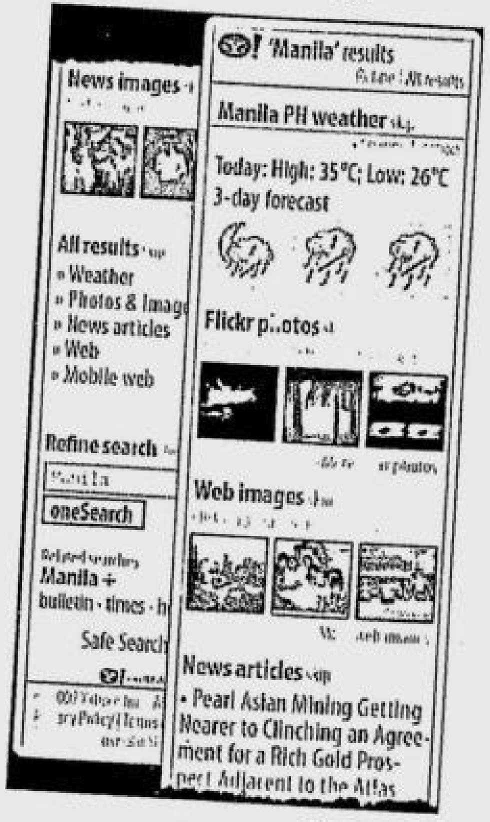
Yahoo!, Globe eye headstart

By Daxim L. Lucas

CALL IT THE BASE EFFECT.

Because mobile advertising was virtually nonexistent in the country until very recently, experts now predict that the Philippines will become one of the hottest growth markets for ads placed in personal communication devices like cellular phones.

If these experts are correct, this trend would have profound implications on the way companies do business in the country, and may further spur traditional media to reorient their business toward the mobile online world.


'Manila' results
News images
Manila PH weather
All results
» Weather
» Photos & Images
» News articles
» Web
» Mobile web
Flickr photos
Refine search
oneSearch
Related searches
Manila +
bulletin · times
Safe Search
Web images
News articles

Today: High: 35°C; Low: 26°C
3-day forecast

• Pearl Asian Mining Getting Nearer to Clinching an Agreement for a Rich Gold Prospect Adjacent to the Atlas

'ONLINE advertising growth in the Philippines will outpace the global market.'

YAHOO!
refresh!
YAHOO!

"Online advertising growth in the Philippines will outpace the global market," said Yahoo! Connected Life Asia vice president and general manager David Ko. "Because there are no third party metrics to predict the market, we can be assured that an up-and-coming market with increasingly more sophisticated marketers will leverage this medium in a big way over the short to medium and long term."

The potential is not lost on Yahoo! which has steadily grown its mobile network to cover

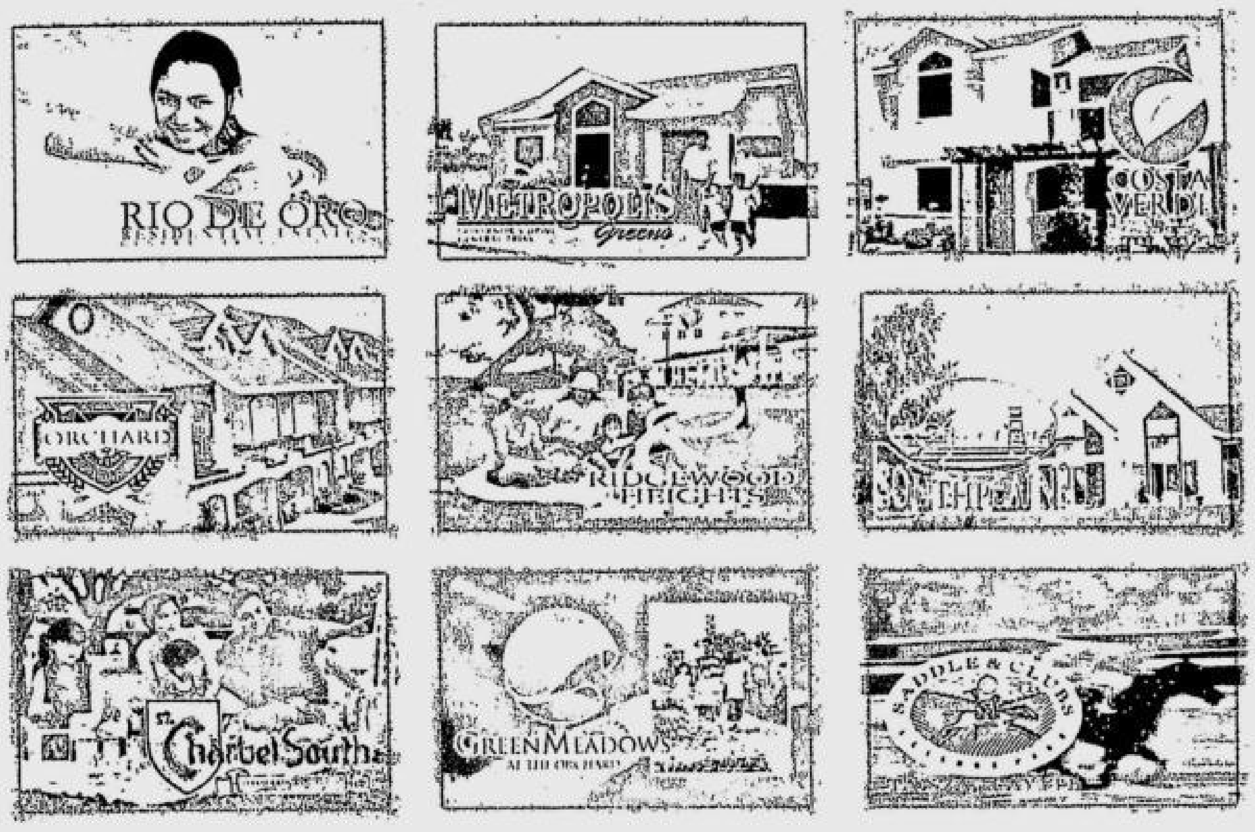
RP MOBILE/ B3-2

GRAND OPENING TODAY!

ROYALE HOMES
MARKETING CORPORATION

SM City DASMARIÑAS SALES OFFICE

Giving you the best properties imaginable!


RIO DE ORO
RESIDENTIAL ESTATES
METROPOLIS Greens
COSTA VERDE
ORCHARD
RIDGEWOOD HEIGHTS
SOUTHPEAK
St. Charbel South
GREENMEADOWS
SADDLE & CLUBS

DEVELOPER
STA. LUCIA
Realty & Development, Inc.
(046) 4323307
(02) 7247101
www.royalehomes.com.ph

TEAM LBC
HARI NG PADALA!

Did you know that LBC

- is the country's first courier company, established over half a century ago
- created the Balikbayan box, the popular cardboard box used by Filipino expatriates, changing the traditional way of sending gifts to the Philippines
- is the publisher of Manila Bulletin USA, the weekly newspaper for Filipino migrants
- is the first courier company to introduce photo printing with delivery & fresh flowers delivery throughout the country
- accepts bill payments for utilities, insurance premiums, credit card dues, etc at any branch nationwide

LBC
X-PACK
LBC
TRANSPACK
LBC

Making the World a Smaller Place

Celebrating 57 years of Partnership with the Global Filipino

The challenge of every business is to go beyond its self-serving objective, to seek and be guided by a broader philosophy that becomes the basis for a passionate commitment from which it willnot deviate.

LBC strives to ignore the boundaries that separate families and businesses. Serving as the link that connects people to people, businesses to businesses, LBC helps bridge distances & maintain relationships.

LBC was founded 57 years ago as an air cargo forwarding service provider. Today, the company has become a respected innovator offering fast and reliable express courier and money remittance service worldwide. LBC now offers the widest coverage and network with over 700 strategically located branches here and abroad.

Being in the forefront of innovation, LBC supported the growing needs of migrant Filipinos and their families by offering new services and establishing new businesses. In setting up LBC Development Bank in 1995, LBC offered banking products that helped Filipinos manage their financial resources and options. Online shopping and delivery to the Philippines were made available through expressregalo.com.ph and photo printing & delivery nationwide through Digiprint.

LBC carries on advancing and fulfilling its mission to reach out to the global Filipino community that will ultimately make the world a smaller place.

www.lbcexpress.com

Leadership by example

MAPping THE FUTURE

Albert F. del Rosario

IT IS TO MY REGRET THAT I did not become a member of the Foreign Buyers Association of the Philippines decades ago when I was asked to head a company called PREL, which organized and operated an exclusive buying agency for Walmart in five Asian countries.

Oddly enough, at least during my watch, PREL did not have responsibility over the Philippines. Having subsequently sold the company, I now vaguely recall the challenges of finding the right people for each country office, identifying products, sourcing primary and secondary suppliers, pricing competitively, controlling quality, delivering on time and having to fully satisfy the client at all times.

Man in charge

I remember reading not too long ago a feature on Walmart in either Time or Newsweek magazine, for example, where a reference was made about the most important man in global retailing—one who was in charge of buying a couple of hundred billion dollars from China alone for Walmart, now the largest company in Fortune's 500.

His name is Emilio Cui. By the way, Chiqui, as we call him, is a Filipino whom I had the good fortune of recruiting at the very outset to run our Singapore operation. As demonstrated by the likes of Chiqui, I say hooray for the Filipino!

That for me was many moons ago. From 2001-2006, I had the privilege of humbly serving our country as the ambassador to the United States. In addition to being a treaty ally and a provider of the highest level of official development grant assistance, the United States, as you know, is cumulatively our largest foreign investor and is as well our largest trading partner.

That said, perhaps what I can provide for you in the next few minutes is my overview of how the people in the United States perceive the Philippines as of the time I left there a little more than a year ago. This hopefully will be of interest and serve to broaden your perspective.

If this is acceptable, let me articulate—if you will—certain notable sentiments from the private and public sectors in the United States.

One great observation is that nearly everyone wants the Arroyo government to succeed.

A second great observation is that there exists a huge reservoir of American goodwill for the Filipino people. Everywhere you go, you will find this to be true, including the executive and legislative branches of the US government.

For the first time in US-RP relations, for instance, we were successful in organizing a Philippine Friendship Caucus composed of 82 US congressmen who have been most helpful in promoting Philippine interest to the extent of our being able to obtain in excess of $1.2 billion in defense, security and economic assistance over a five-year period.

To say the least, I had been extremely well received not only in nearly 40 states but also in twice as many cities by all levels of government. This indeed was most gratifying.

The not-so-great observation is that we have not been fully successful in tapping this goodwill. In order to change this, there is a consensus that we must show more political will to do what is right in addressing our country's problems.

We are expected to do what is right 1) in defending our democracy, 2) in continuing to reform the economy, 3) in improving governance through addressing corruption and inequality, and 4) in fighting terrorism and maintaining peace and order.

In terms of defending our democracy, our many friends are expecting that we will be able to reform our electoral process.

In the halls of US Congress, there are deep concerns about alleged human rights violations against journalists and political activists which remain to be addressed.

In terms of economic reforms, it is essential for us to improve infrastructure and productivity. We must also lower the costs of doing business, eliminate red tape and have a working national policy on competitiveness.

In terms of good governance, we need to address the problem of corruption by accelerating effective programs against smugglers and tax evaders. The full force of the law should be applied to those found guilty and the message must be established that no one is above the law.

In terms of addressing inequality, we must invest more in livelihood, in education and in the health of our people. This fortunately has begun as a result of improved fiscal performance.

In terms of fighting terrorism and maintaining peace and order, we must stay on course in reforming the AFP and the PNP. We must, as well, finalize the elusive peace process with the MILF to unleash the full potential of Mindanao.

Of equal importance, we need to encourage our national leadership to give more focus to execution, rather than rhetoric. In other words, we must walk the talk.

Countless opportunities

In terms of execution, there were countless opportunities for private and public cooperation. To illustrate, there was a proposed preferential legislation in US Congress on canned tuna products for the Andean countries which was intended to wean them away from the illegal drug trade.

The proposed legislation would have adversely affected our canned tuna industry located in General Santos. As 60 percent of total production was being exported to the United States, the viability of the entire industry was placed in jeopardy.

Obviously, the whole preferential legislation would have undermined the RP-US partnership in revitalizing Mindanao. The resulting hoards of the unemployed would moreover make people increasingly vulnerable to being recruited for terrorism. The argument was a convincing one but it had to be proactively advanced.

To successfully maintain the status quo in the protection of our canned tuna industry, we marched to Congress 128 times in six weeks. Although the canned tuna industry provided the embassy with an expense allowance of P2 million, we happily did not use any part of it.

At the embassy, we exercised all possible initiatives to open and enlarge markets in the United States for Philippine products. This included renewing the GSP privilege, which provides for nontariff exports on over 500 products for another five years and increasing its utilization to $1 billion.

We were moreover working toward a bilateral Free Trade Agreement with the United States, which could have been made to happen but did not. The initiative as of 2003 was officially offered by the United States, but notwithstanding our encouragement for it to move forward, it resulted in another missed opportunity for the Philippines.

A few weeks ago, I was interviewed by the Foreign Affairs Journal, a very influential publication read by heads of state throughout the world as well as by decision makers in the US Capital. At the conclusion of the interview, I was asked what I would expect to say if I were to be interviewed again four years from now.

My response was all economic experts would seem to agree that the outlook for Asia in terms of stability and economic growth is as good as it can ever be. My hope is that four years from now, we will be in a position to say that the Philippines did not get left behind.

Several months before, I was also invited to speak by the graduating class of the UP School of Economics. It was for me an occasion to express concern at the silence and the seeming apathy of our youth.

I felt very deeply that, following the youth of yesterday, the youth of today should be taking up the cudgels for the voiceless and the marginalized sectors of our society.

Proactive citizenship

If the negative perception is valid, we therefore need to strongly encourage our children to help build our nation by advancing the true concept of a proactive citizenship.

Notwithstanding the increasing number of disappointments and challenges, there still remains the opportunity for us to move forward if our national leadership is prepared to lead and do what is right in defending our democracy, in continuing to reform our economy, in improving governance through addressing corruption and inequality and in fighting terrorism and maintaining peace and order.

As consistent with enunciations by President Macapagal-Arroyo of building a strong Republic, if leadership by example can finally be provided, what remains is for all of us to fully join together in doing what needs to be done.

(The article reflects the personal opinion of the author and does not reflect the official stand of the Management Association of the Philippines. Speech delivered by the author during the 30th anniversary of the Foreign Buyers Association of the Philippines on Nov. 23, 2007. The author is president of the MAP and CHair of Gotuaco del Rosario & Associates. Feedback at <mapsec@globenet.com.ph>.)

MARK GROSS TO CHAIR CANNES 2008 RADIO LIONS JURY

London, 27 November 2007 – The talent behind the award winning 'Real Men of Genius' radio campaign, Mark Gross, Senior Vice President and Group Creative Director of DDB Chicago, has been appointed as the Cannes Lions 2008 Radio Lions jury president.

With a BFA in Advertising Design from Syracuse University, Mark Gross began his advertising career in 1990 in New York City designing movie titles and logos for post-production house R. Greenberg Associates. Drawn to advertising, Mark landed a much-coveted junior art director position at Chiat/Day New York in 1991 where he learned the art of creating award-winning work on accounts such as MTV, Reebok, American Express and New York Lottery in his two-year stint there.

At DDB, Mark has risen from art director to group creative director creating award-winning campaigns for the agency's premiere account, Anheuser-Busch. Mark's most notable work is the Bud Light 'Always Worth It' campaign and the Bud Light 'Real Men of Genius' campaign, now known for being the most awarded radio campaign in advertising history.

Mark served on the inaugural Radio Lions jury at Cannes in 2005. He's won numerous awards, which include the Andy's, Clios, Radio Mercury Awards, Kinsale Awards, the One Show, D&AD, Art Director's Club, New York Festivals and two Cannes Grand Prix Radio Lions.

"When we launched Radio Lions in 2005, as well as recognising radio as an important communication tool, we also wanted to provide a platform to help raise its creativity to the high standard that has been reached by the other categories judged in Cannes", said Philip Thomas, Festival CEO. "Mark's understanding of how powerful radio advertising can be and his proficiency for producing award-winning radio ads will surely inspire those using radio to ever-greater creative heights", continued Thomas.

Commenting on his appointment, Mark Gross said, "It's not as glamorous as TV. It doesn't look as beautiful as a well-designed print ad. It won't break new ground like alternative media. But when it's done well, there's no medium more powerfully effective than radio. It's an honour and a privilege to serve as this year's Radio Jury President. There's nothing more exciting to me than sitting down to a collection of the greatest radio creative in the world, pressing play and preparing myself to be blown away."

Mark spends his spare time flying a Cessna, running, cooking, painting and spending time with his wife and two children.

PRASOON JOSHI TO HEAD CANNES LIONS 2008 OUTDOOR JURY

London, 5 December 2007 – Prasoon Joshi, Executive Chairman of McCann Worldgroup India and Regional Executive Creative Director Asia Pacific, will be next year's Outdoor Lions jury president.

Considered the torchbearer of the young breed and the contemporary face of Indian Advertising, Prasoon is accredited with creating a distinct identity for Indian Advertising by combining 'structured' western style with the inherent 'chaos' of the Indian way of life. Turning fortunes of many big brands he is also attributed with marrying 'creativity and scale'.

From the ground breaking 2003 Coca-Cola campaign to the 2007 prolific 'Happydent Palace' chewing gum commercial, his work has gained credence both with the public and international juries. Prasoon has won more than 400 national and international advertising awards including Gold, Silver and Bronze Lions at Cannes, Ad Fest Asia, Media, and honours at One Show, D&AD and Clio. Under his leadership, McCann Erickson India has transformed into a veritable creative powerhouse and Prasoon has set in motion the creative renaissance of the company's agencies in Asia.

Terry Savage, Chairman of the Festival, commented, "Prasoon Joshi is an extremely talented and passionate creative leader who is pushing the boundaries that ultimately shape the future culture of his country and beyond. A jury president of such talent is a welcome addition to The Cannes Festival in 2008."

"It's wonderful to be part of Cannes as a Jury President and a creative individual. There is no 'formula', specific style or trend that connotes Cannes. It always surprises and I celebrate this unpredictability. Outdoor is an 'eye-lid' medium; in most cases blink and it's gone. It's not easy to have an intricate craft in it and very specific ideas and execution are required for this medium. I would like us to appreciate the nuances of this category and honour them. I look forward to an exciting time at Cannes 2008," said Prasoon Joshi on his appointment.

In 2006, Prasoon was nominated as a 'Young Global Leader' by the World Economic Forum, joining other extraordinary individuals under the age of 40 who share a commitment to shaping the global future; and on the occasion of India's 60 years of Independence, a few months ago, The Times of India put Prasoon amongst the country's 'Top 60 Icons' for his contribution in several fields that have shaped and impacted India's public awareness.

A writer and poet, Prasoon has already had three books published and is an accomplished songwriter for many popular Bollywood films earning him a BAFTA and Oscar nomination. But Prasoon, who believes in breaking moulds, still considers advertising as his first love and a modern art form.

CANNES LIONS
Official Festival Representative

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

RP mobile ...

From page B3-1

over 500 million users per month on its global network.

"This audience provides marketers and advertisers with an opportunity to reach 50 percent—or one out of every two—online users," he said during a recent interview after the company unveiled new partnerships with mobile phone networks across Asia.

In the Philippines, Yahoo! has already partnered with Globe Telecom Inc. giving the 17 million subscribers of the country's second largest mobile phone network the ability to use Yahoo! Online services on their cellular phones.

Nonetheless, the Philippines remains one of the least wired countries in the region, with Internet penetration still standing just around the vicinity of the critical 20-percent benchmark.

This fails to deter companies like Yahoo! and Globe which are counting on the growing sophistication of Filipino consumers to expand their markets and drive their bottom lines.

"There are several factors that will boost mobile advertising uptake in the Philippines, such as building awareness for and an understanding of the online medium," Ko said. "What we are starting to see is a critical mass of online users."

"When the online population of the country exceeds a rate of 20 percent of the total population, marketers wake up," he added.

According to the Yahoo! official, advertisers in Philippines are increasingly becoming aware that consumers are spending more time online, despite the fact that online advertising continues to comprise a miniscule portion of companies' advertising budgets.

"In general, people spend more than 15 percent of their media consumption online," Ko said. "However, advertisers only spend about one percent of their advertising budgets on online."

Other market research firms are even more conservative, saying that only 0.2 percent of the estimated $1 billion spent in the local advertising scene goes to mobile or interactive ads.

This translates to only P84 million annually, at prevailing exchange rates.

But Yahoo! expects this situation to change rapidly.

"The online advertising market in the Philippines is growing at a promising rate and we anticipate that the online advertising rate will grow to 3 percent, 4 percent and exceed 5 percent of ad spending, just as it has done in the US," Ko said.

The company has even tweaked its product to provide more localized services for the Philippine market, through a "Pinoy-centric" offering on yahoo.com.ph.

"We now have a large reach and an engaged audience that advertisers can connect with," the official said.

The Yahoo!-Globe partnership looks particularly promising.

Both firms are enhancing the search experience for consumers on mobile phones, while providing both companies with new revenue streams through mobile advertising.

This partnership is significant because the forecast for global mobile marketing and advertising will increase six-fold to $19 billion by 2011 from an estimated $3 billion by the end of 2007, according to the findings of ABI Research.

In countries like the Philippines, where over 51 percent of the population own mobile phones—compared to a maximum Internet penetration of 25 percent—this type of service is highly relevant from both an audience and advertiser perspective.

"The advantage of online or mobile advertising is that it can be targeted to different demographic segments and be based on behavioral ingredients," Ko said. "Traditional media cannot tell a marketer if a consumer spent 12 minutes interacting with the ad that was placed in a daily newspaper—on the other hand, online can."

Indeed, if the thrust of Yahoo! is proven correct, the local and global media scene is about to change further, at a far more dizzying pace.

Yahoo!Go on Motorola

Face the future with right partner

NO ONE CAN ONE CAN TELL WHAT WILL happen in the future. But that does not mean people should not prepare for what may lie ahead. But how can one be adequately prepared?

The answer lies in insurance. It's about protecting the family and ensuring that family members will still maintain the same quality of life when the head of the family gets sick, passes away, or loses a job. It's about ensuring that children will still be able to finish school. It's about making sure one will have enough funds to sustain his lifestyle when retirement comes.

Everyone has heard of insurance, but with the slew of financial products in the market today, how does one go about choosing the best one that will fit his or her family's needs?

For Citibank cardholders and bank clients, shopping for the right insurance product has been made easier with the assistance of Citicorp Financial Services and Insurance Brokerage Philippines Inc. (CFSI), Citi's insurance and investments arm in the country.

CFSI offers a range of insurance products: life insurance, educational plans, retirement/pension plans and health insurance. Currently, CFSI works with several established companies that belong to the top 10 insurance companies in the country.

E-tool streamlines shipment process

DHL, THE WORLD'S leading express and logistics company, has launched DHL eMailShip, a patented electronic service designed to streamline shipment procedures for clients, particularly small and medium enterprises, in 18 Asia Pacific countries. This enables customers to electronically send their shipment details to DHL.

Experience The Evolution of PC

evolve®
All-in-1 LCD PC
- LCD Monitor
- 4-in-1 Card Reader
- DVD ROM
- Speakers
- CPU

✓ Space Saving
✓ Low Power Consumption
✓ Less Cabling
✓ Compact, Stylish, Portable
✓ Zero Noise and Low Heat
✓ Complete Connectivity

P23,999.00
L300D(Higher models also available)
• Intel Celeron M370 1.5G • 512 DDR-II Memory
• 80G SATA HDD • 4-in-1 Card Reader

Laptops

14.1" WXGA LCD
VIA C7 (1.5GHz, 400Mhz FSB)
512B DDR2 / 40GB HDD
Combo Drive
V700S P19,999

14.1" WXGA LCD
Intel Core 2 Duo T5250 1.5G
1GB DDR2 / 100GB HDD
DVD RW
F525R P35,000

12.1" WXGA LCD
Intel Celeron M 520 1.6G
1GB DDR2 / 80GB HDD
Combo Drive
W220S P25,000

14.1" WXGA LCD
Pentium Dual Core T2130 1.6G
1GB DDR2 / 100GB HDD
Combo Drive
F213S P30,000

MUSTARD Seed
SYSTEMS CORPORATION
www.mseedsystems.com
Email: sales@mseedsystems.com

FOR SALES INQUIRIES CONTACT

MANILA
533-1562 533-3612 533-4095
533-6040 535-1507 533-0528
535-0787 534-4108 531-2991
534-1529

CEBU
(032) 422-3040
0915-2512843

CAGAYAN DE ORO
(63-8822) 725148
(63-88) 8585148

Start Your New Year Right With
Accounting Solutions For All Business Types
QuickBooks® 2008

QuickBooks Premier comes with industry specific editions

We recognise that different industries have different needs and require different things in their Accounting software, therefore QuickBooks Premier comes with industry specific editions:
- Accountants Edition
- Construction Business Edition
- Manufacturers and Wholesalers Edition
- Non-Profit Organisations Edition
- Professional Service Businesses Edition
- Property Managers Edition
- Retailers Edition

Call us now at
535-0787 535-1507
534-4108 531-2991
or visit www.mseedsystems.com

Pro Premier Enterprise

SPECIAL OFFER!
evolve•
All-in-1 LCD PC
- LCD Monitor
- 4-in-1 Card Reader
- DVD ROM
- Speakers
- CPU

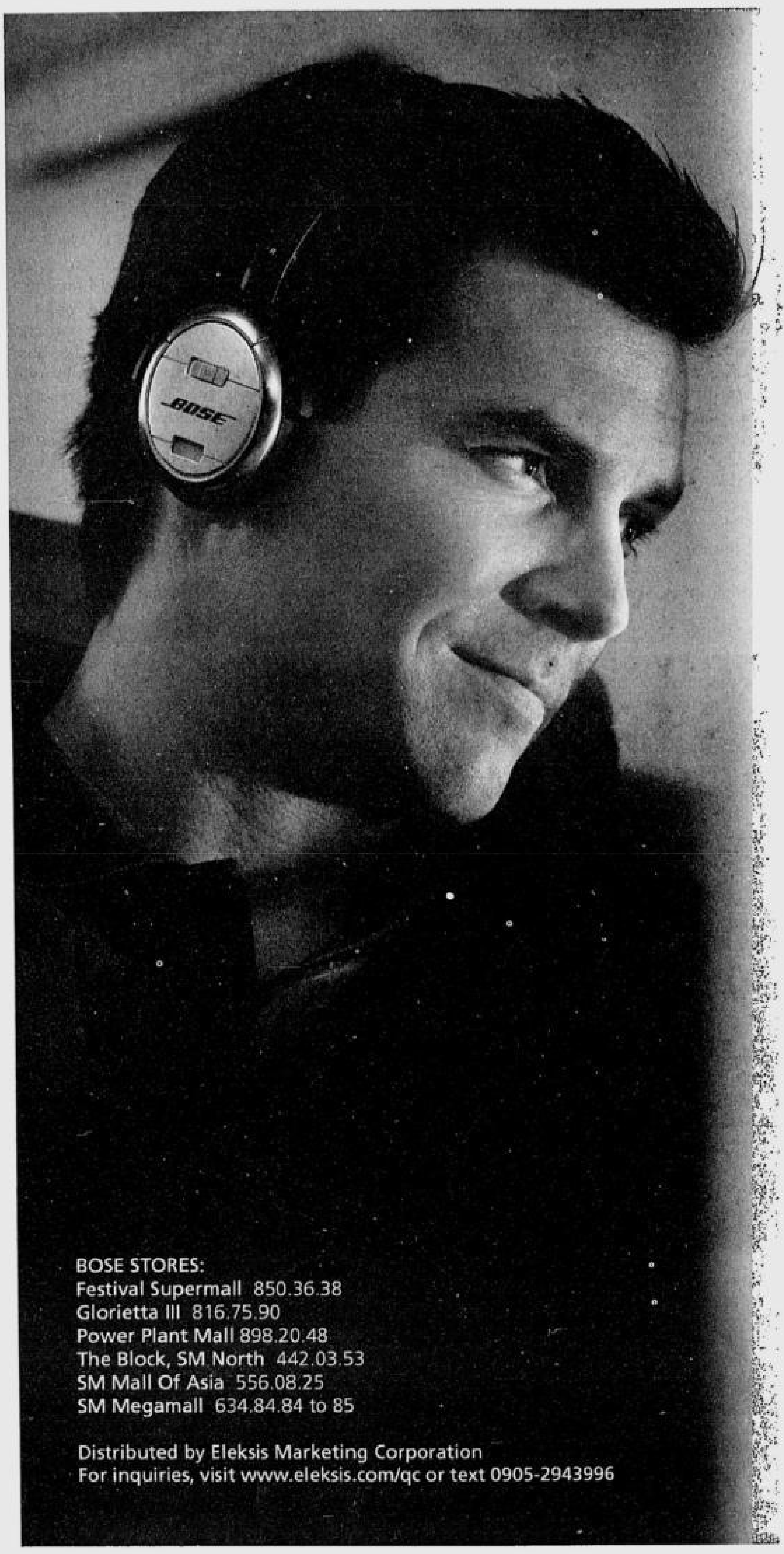
FOR AS LOW AS
P 23,999
Major Credit Cards Accepted

Buy 3 EVOLVE All-in-One PC or SIMPLY Accounting and get a FREE FingerPrint Timekeeper

FREE!

MUSTARD Seed
SYSTEMS CORPORATION
www.mseedsystems.com

FOR SALES & INQUIRIES CONTACT:
533-1562 | 533-3612
534-1529 | 533-4095
533-6040 | 533-2989



BOSE STORES:
Festival Supermall 850.36.38
Glorietta III 816.75.90
Power Plant Mall 898.20.48
The Block, SM North 442.03.53
SM Mall Of Asia 556.08.25
SM Megamall 634.84.84 to 85

Distributed by Eleksis Marketing Corporation
For inquiries, visit www.eleksis.com/qc or text 0905-2943996

Bose® QuietComfort®
Acoustic Noise Cancelling® headphones.

Separate the music from the noise.

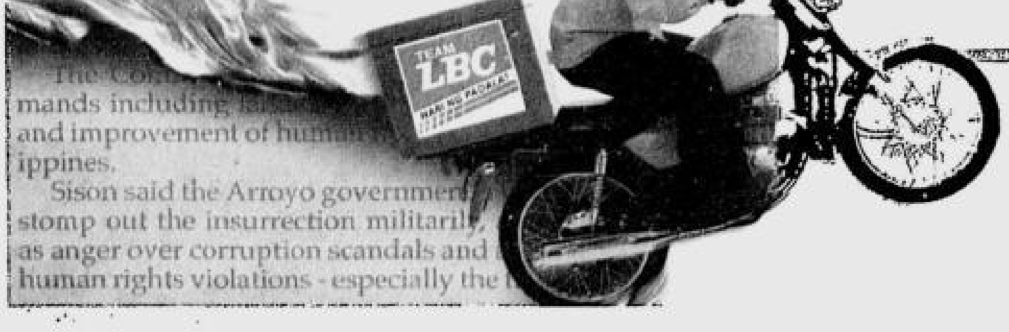
Experience how much better your music sounds when acclaimed Bose technologies separate it from the noise around you. You hear each note with Bose quality sound. And when you're not listening to music, you can detach the audio cord and still enjoy the benefits of Bose noise reduction.

We originally engineered these headphones to reduce the sound of engine roar on airplanes, and that's where you will hear the most dramatic difference. But people soon started telling us how they use them to reduce distractions in other places – commuting on trains or buses, at home, in the office or just about anywhere they enjoy listening to music.

On-ear QC™3 headphones
Around-ear QC™2 headphones

Bose QuietComfort headphones.
Choose your favorite style: the on-ear QC3 headphones or the around-ear QC2 headphones. And discover the unmatched combination of noise reduction, audio performance and comfortable fit.

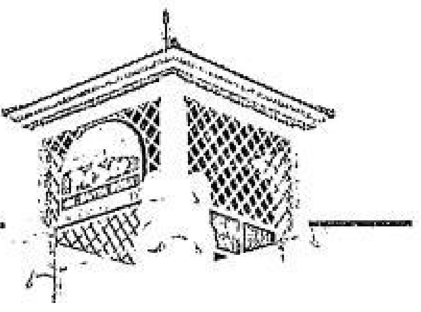
BOSE®
Better sound through research®



Basta LBC, MAKAKARATING!

INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC DOOR-TO-DOOR COURIER SERVICE
Money Remittance • Bill Payments • Flowers Express • Photo Printing
With over 650 branches nationwide • Customer Service: (02) 8585-999 • www.lbcexpress.com

TEAM LBC
HARI NG PADALA!



LESS IS MORE FOR THIS REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Survey shows consumers do not want a club, they want trees

THE STRIP MALL is a popular spot for Laguna residents

SOUTHERN LUZON HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

LESS IS MORE FOR GREENfield Development Corp. (GDC) as the property arm of the Unilab group has to strip down its first solo real estate project in Sta. Rosa, Laguna and build what it fondly called as a "subdivision within a park."

Duane Santos, GDC executive vice president, says when the firm's planners sat down to conceptualize the real estate component of the 300-hectare Greenfield City, Pramana, they thought of putting up an ultimate sports and leisure club house.

"But when we did the research, prospective owners were asking about the monthly dues of maintaining such facilities. The prospective buyers say they did not want 12 badminton courts, what they really want is to go home with tree-lined roads and lots of open park for their kids to play," said Santos. "People are getting more practical in their home purchases. The price should not only fit their budget, they want to be sure they could afford the maintenance of their homes."

Santos said building a golf course-centered subdivision was out of the question considering that the property is virtually surrounded by a forest of golf residences.

"Sta. Rosa does not need another golf course. It needs a golf course like the sky needs an ozone hole," said Santos.

GDC promptly changed the concept and came up with a real estate project where a little more than 50 percent of the space is devoted to sprawling greens and wide open space.

"We thought we'd build a beautiful park inside a subdivision. We ended up having a subdivision inside a beautiful park. We can safely say we have the biggest open space among residential developments in the country," says Santos on the main selling point of the 80-hectare Pramana residential park. "It's a project that our late patriarch, Jose Y. Campos, would have been proud of."

The Pramana is GDC's first development project without any primary property developer acting as big brother.

Since the old man Campos had started amassing choice lots from United Laboratories profits 40 years ago, Santos believed that GDC "now has the talent to strike on its own after 20 years of experience with partners."

Santos says Pramana would be one of the crown jewels of the 300-hectare Greenfield City, a mixed-use commercial-industrial-residential which would fulfill the vision of Campos who saw in Sta. Rosa the potential to be a growth center along with other businessmen like Lucio Tan and the Ayalas who had also bought sizable lots in the area more than three decades ago. "Sta. Rosa will be the next Alabang and that is the direction we are taking in our development," says Santos.

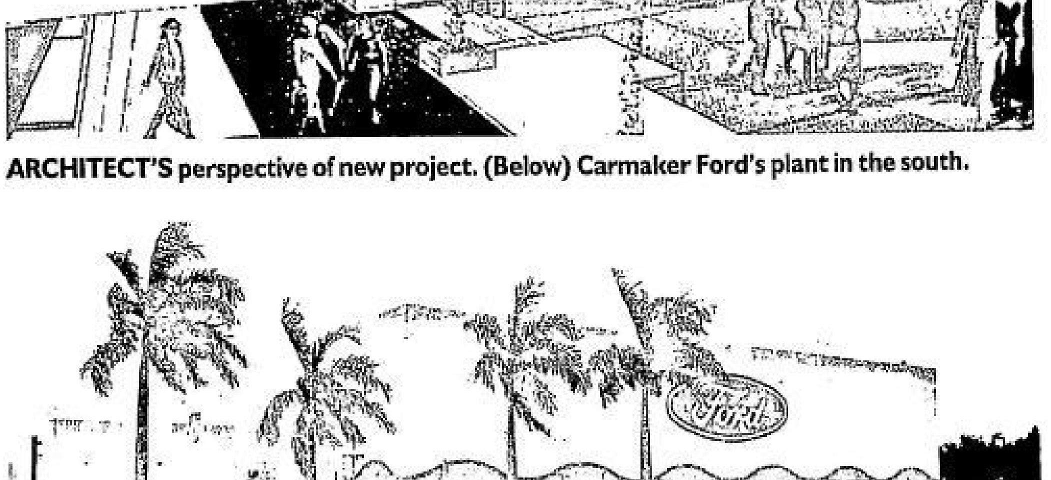
A catalyst in Sta. Rosa reaching its full potential is the expansion and rehabilitation of the South Luzon Expressway (which would cut travel time to Makati to close to 30 minutes) and it is the only growth center along the superhighway that has three entry and exit points.

"This is the reason why we are targeting families as our main market. You can get a three-bedroom house in an Asian-inspired park community here for the price of a 3-square meter condominium unity in the central business district. It's an ideal place for children to grow," said Santos.

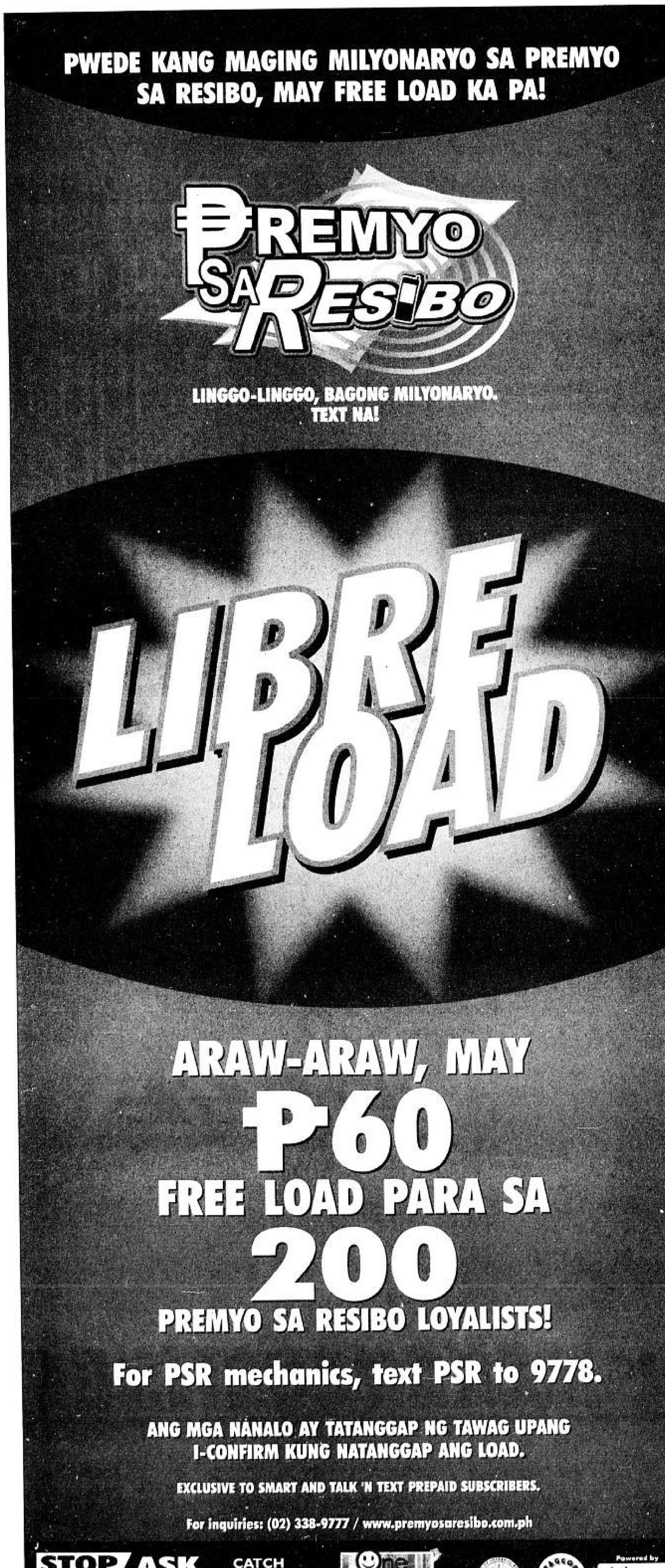
GDC is spending P200 million to expand its popular Paseo de Sta. Rosa to add 33-hectares of retail space from the existing 12-hectare center. "We see the Paseo as the main retail and entertainment hub once Sta. Rosa grows as big and busy as Alabang," says Santos.

Santos says another P240 million had been allotted for the construction of two office towers for business process outsourcing centers at its Sta. Rosa Business Park.

Santos says Greenfield has shifted the focus of its commercial estate development by focusing more on support industries including warehousing and logistics rather than big manufacturing plants that were the rage in the 90s.



ARCHITECT'S perspective of new project. (Below) Carmaker Ford's plant in the south.


PWEDE KANG MAGING MILYONARYO SA PREMYO SA RESIBO, MAY FREE LOAD KA PA!

₱REMYO SA RESIBO

LINGGO-LINGGO, BAGONG MILYONARYO. TEXT NA!

LIBRE LOAD

ARAW-ARAW, MAY ₱60 FREE LOAD PARA SA 200 PREMYO SA RESIBO LOYALISTS!

For PSR mechanics, text PSR to 9778.

ANG MGA NANALO AY TATANGGAP NG TAWAG UPANG I-CONFIRM KUNG NATANGGAP ANG LOAD.

EXCLUSIVE TO SMART AND TALK 'N TEXT PREPAID SUBSCRIBERS.

For inquiries: (02) 338-9777 / www.premyosaresibo.com.ph

STOP TAX EVASION ASK FOR RECEIPT

CATCH PREMYO SA RESIBO ON One Morning! Mondays, 7:20 AM NBN 4, RPN 9 & IBC 13

Powered by philweb

Gender poses no barrier to these stone gatherers

Picking up the pieces after Typhoon Reming

By Joanna Los Baños
Inquirer Southern Luzon

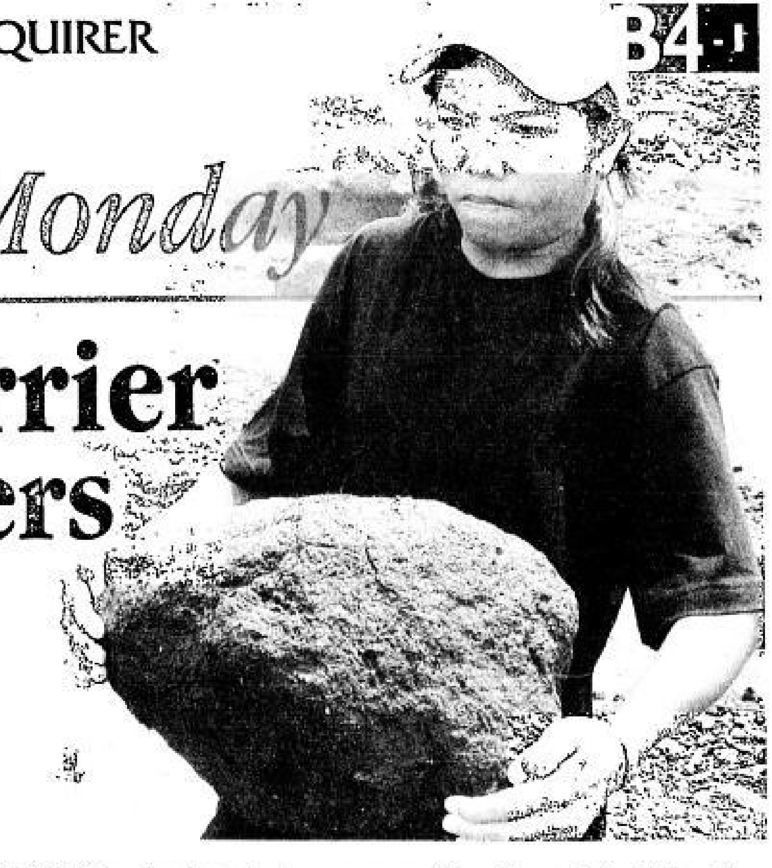
GUINOBATAN, ALBAY—FOR JELMA Mejillano, a single mother of three, Supertyphoon "Reming" did not stop her from going back to her usual job of gathering gravel, boulders and sand, a job normally done by men.

"Since 1998, our livelihood here has been to gather gravel, boulders and sand," the 48-year-old mother says.

Mejillano's house used to be beside a river in Barangay Maipon but was washed out during the typhoon in November last year.

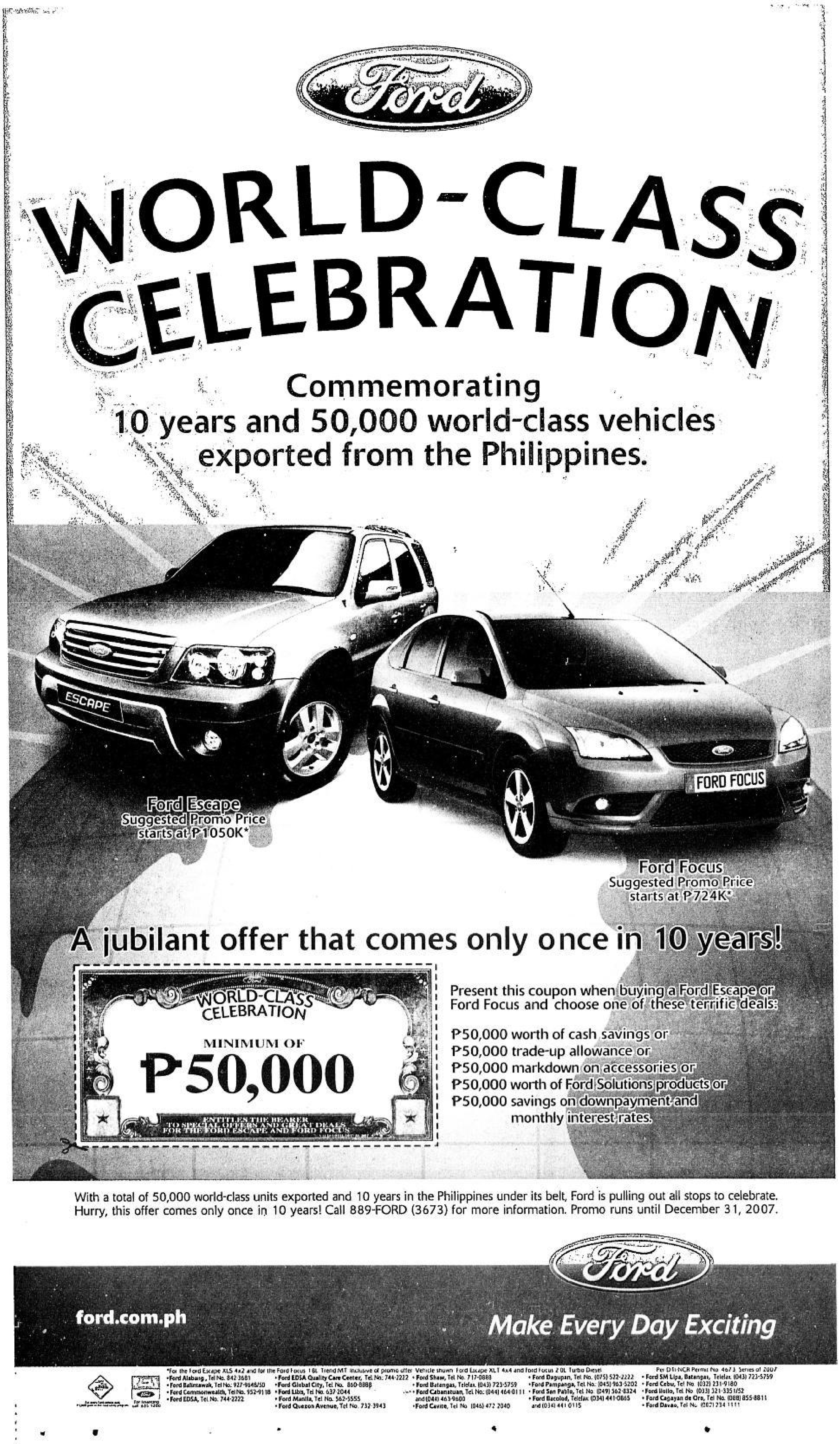
Maipon was one of the hard-hit villages during the typhoon, where houses were

GENDER/ B4-3



GINA Olavario struggles to carry a small boulder, which will be sold to a construction company at P100 a truckload.

PHOTOS BY NIÑO JESUS ORBETA/INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON


Ford

WORLD-CLASS CELEBRATION

Commemorating 10 years and 50,000 world-class vehicles exported from the Philippines.

ESCAPE

FORD FOCUS

Ford Escape
Suggested Promo Price
starts at ₱1050K*

Ford Focus
Suggested Promo Price
starts at ₱724K*

A jubilant offer that comes only once in 10 years!

WORLD-CLASS CELEBRATION
MINIMUM OF
₱50,000
ENTITLES THE BEARER TO SPECIAL OFFERS AND GREAT DEALS FOR THE FORD ESCAPE AND FORD FOCUS

Present this coupon when buying a Ford Escape or Ford Focus and choose one of these terrific deals:

₱50,000 worth of cash savings or
₱50,000 trade-up allowance or
₱50,000 markdown on accessories or
₱50,000 worth of Ford Solutions products or
₱50,000 savings on downpayment and monthly interest rates.

With a total of 50,000 world-class units exported and 10 years in the Philippines under its belt, Ford is pulling out all stops to celebrate. Hurry, this offer comes only once in 10 years! Call 889-FORD (3673) for more information. Promo runs until December 31, 2007.

Ford

ford.com.ph

Make Every Day Exciting

*For the Ford Escape XLS 4x2 and for the Ford Focus 1.6L Trend MT inclusive of promo offer. Vehicle shown: Ford Escape XLT 4x4 and Ford Focus 2.0L Turbo Diesel

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4673 Series of 2007

- Ford Alabang, Tel No. 842-3681
- Ford Balintawak, Tel No: 927-9648/50
- Ford Commonwealth, Tel No. 952-9118
- Ford EDSA, Tel No. 744-2222
- Ford EDSA Quality Care Center, Tel No: 744-2222
- Ford Global City, Tel No. 860-8888
- Ford Libis, Tel No. 637-2044
- Ford Manila, Tel No. 562-5555
- Ford Quezon Avenue, Tel No. 732-3943
- Ford Shaw, Tel No. 717-0888
- Ford Batangas, Telefax (043) 723-5759
- Ford Cabanatuan, Tel No: (044) 464-0111 and (044) 463-9600
- Ford Cavite, Tel No. (046) 472-2040
- Ford Dagupan, Tel No. (075) 522-2222
- Ford Pampanga, Tel No: (045) 963-5202
- Ford San Pablo, Tel No. (049) 562-8324
- Ford Bacolod, Telefax (034) 441-0865 and (034) 441-0115
- Ford SM Lipa, Batangas, Telefax (043) 723-5759
- Ford Cebu, Tel No. (032) 231-9180
- Ford Iloilo, Tel No. (033) 321-3351/52
- Ford Cagayan de Oro, Tel No. (088) 855-8811
- Ford Davao, Tel No. (082) 234-1111

25 units of supposedly delivered products, lacking
5 liters of gasoline, wasted on a wrong delivery date
5 hours of franchisee time, spent waiting for a delivery
30 minutes of heated arguments

Mix well. Serve with uncertainty and a major migraine.

Taste Biz Success with Inventory Ordering via SMS

Getting the wrong recipe in managing your inventory is a sure way to spoil your chances for business success. With so many factors to keep in mind, how can you ensure that time isn't wasted and errors are avoided?

The answer? Automation. With the latest ***SME Inventory Ordering System (IOS)*** from Globe, the leader in complete business solutions and innovations, inventory ordering and management is made easier for small and medium scale businesses.

IOS is a business solution for those engaged in retail and wholesale businesses that enables order placement through text messaging. It's easy-to-use, customizable and fully-automated. For instance, it's perfect for franchisors whose franchisees constantly need to replenish supplies. Here's how it works:

1. Your franchisee or branch manager sends his order via SMS.
2. He then receives 2 text messages, a copy of his order and another, a text asking for the confirmation of his order.
3. Upon confirming his order via a text message, the order is then automatically uploaded and processed through a user interface on your computer.

LOTS'A PIZZA™, a home-grown pizza franchise, was the first business to test and implement the system. Owner Teresita Ngan Tian is enthusiastic about the results. "It worked wonders for my business. The old system was very tedious kaya palaging matagal ang processing at recording ng orders. There were also errors in taking down orders thus resulting in wrong deliveries. Now, there's no wasted time which means no missed sales plus error-free transactions." She also adds "All I needed were SIM cards and a computer. With the new system, mabilis ang operations kasi lahat automatic. Sa IOS, sales recording has become error-free. On-time and accurate pa ang delivery ng stocks namin sa franchisees."

The system comes with other helpful features:

Inventory Management

- Product Maintenance – allows you to update the products available in the system. You can view, edit and delete the products in this section.
- Inventory Maintenance – displays inventory status including Beginning Balance, Quantity on Hand, Price, Reorder Level, and Critical Level.

Text Broadcast

- Enables you to send a text message to all your franchisees or branches.
- Includes Phonebook and Message Sending Form.

Reports Module

Shows the list of reports that can be accessed by the main office, which can be exported to Excel or PDF. These reports include:

- Franchise Applications in All Stages
- Approved Franchise Applications
- Franchise Applications Approved in Number of Days
- Order Details
- Orders for the Period
- Orders per Category
- Top Orders per Category
- Summary Report for the Month
- List of SMS Product Codes

So if you're a multi-site company or an organization with franchises, commissaries, and warehouses with backend ordering operations, just call the Globe Hotline at 730-1288 for more information.

Congratulations

to

PhilNaRe

NATIONAL REINSURANCE CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

Recipient of the

2007 INSURANCE/ REINSURANCE INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Given to the reinsurance company
that has provided
the greatest level of value-added range
of services
to cedants, local regulators
and the local industry.

at the

11th ASIA INSURANCE INDUSTRY AWARDS
held on November 5, 2007
in conjunction with the

9th SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL
REINSURANCE CONFERENCE

and recently assigned the following ratings by

BEST A.M. BEST COMPANY
a global credit rating organization

Financial Strength Rating of B++ (Good)

and

Issuer Credit Rating of bbb
(Stable, Investment grade)

ASIA INSURANCE INDUSTRY AWARDS
ANNIVERSARY
ber 20
EW
Re

PHOTO CAPTION: PhilNaRe President and Chief Executive Officer Wilfrido C. Bantayan receives the Insurance/Reinsurance Industry Contribution Award from Keith Land, Chief Executive Officer of Kiln Asia, an underwriting agency based in Hong Kong and the sponsor of the aforementioned award category during the 2007 Asia Insurance Industry Awards in Singapore.

PhilNaRe cited for contribution in the Philippine insurance industry

Locally listed reinsurance company, National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines/PhilNaRe (PSE: NRCP), recently took home the Insurance/Reinsurance Industry Contribution Award from this year's Asia Insurance Industry Awards held in Singapore.

Organized by Singapore-based Asia Insurance Review and London-based The Review Worldwide Reinsurance magazines, the Asia Insurance Industry Awards is given once every two years to insurers and reinsurers that have made a significant impact in the industry.

"It is an honor to accept this award from one of the most highly respected award-giving bodies in our field," said Wilfrido C. Bantayan, PhilNaRe President & CEO, who was there to receive the award in behalf of the company.

PhilNaRe has positioned itself as a significant player in the region after going through a capital enhancement exercise earlier this year via initial public offering, raising as much as P2.8 billion and increasing its capacity and retention.

In addition to providing capacity, the company also offers technical assistance to its insurance company clients in the areas of underwriting, finance and administration.

PhilNaRe continues to support initiatives which promote the industry's growth and stability, such as the adoption of minimum rates on natural perils and the proposal for the establishment of a Philippine catastrophe insurance pool.

The 11th Asia Insurance Industry Awards lauded a regional cast of 15 winners, including three hailing from the economic powerhouses of China and India, four Southeast Asian companies and six multinational players with a strong Asian presence. This year, the Awards drew over 700 nominations from across the region, proof of how sought after they are as a symbol of prestige.

A.M. Best Company gives PhilNaRe favorable rating

National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines (NRCP/PhilNaRe) received a financial strength rating of B++ (Good) and an Issuer Credit Rating of bbb (Stable, Investment Grade) from A.M. Best (Asia-Pacific) Company. The rating agency's move is expected to enhance NRCP's plans to expand regionally.

PhilNaRe's substantial net worth of P6.5 billion and three decades of experience as the nation's primary reinsurer will enable the company to compete in the multibillion-dollar Asian reinsurance market.

According to PhilNaRe Chief Financial Officer John E. Huang, capitalization alone is not all that is needed. "To become a significant player, PhilNaRe had to obtain an international rating from a reputable agency such as A.M. Best because a Best's Rating reinforces confidence in the organization's stability, as well as its attractiveness to investors."

Founded in 1899, A.M. Best Company is a full-service credit rating organization dedicated to serving the financial services industries, including the banking and insurance sectors. A.M. Best is committed to maintaining Best's Ratings as the definitive source for information on the financial condition and operating performance of insurance companies worldwide.

PhilNaRe received the favorable rating because of its completion of a comprehensive audit using Best's Rating Methodologies on topics and issues like Insurance Groups, Issuer Credit and Debt Ratings and BCAR (Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio). The results were weighed against industry benchmarks.

Wilfrido C. Bantayan, PhilNaRe President & CEO, recounts their IPO experience and how it contributed to the company's rating success. "After the completion of the IPO in April 2007, PhilNaRe focused on streamlining operations especially in the areas of human resource management, information technology systems, marketing strategies, just to name a few. All these efforts were executed without compromising our service quality to our clients. Because of this, I believe we are justified in receiving a favorable international rating from the independent agency."

PhilNaRe is the only Filipino reinsurance company in the local market today and carries the status of a national reinsurer.

BPI
We'll take you farther.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE
INSURANCE SYSTEM
"Kahit saan, Kahit kailan...Maasahan."

MALAYAN INSURANCE
A YGC Member
Insure to be Sure.

US BPO firm launches Asian expansion in Manila

RAINMAKER SYSTEMS INC., A LEADING American business process outsourcing (BPO) firm with clients in the Fortune 500 companies, recently acquired privately held Qinteraction, a large call center in Makati, and is gearing up to dominate the Asian region.

Renamed Rainmaker Asia Inc., the regional company is increasing its manpower pool to fully serve the Asian market requirements of Rainmaker's diverse base of over 27 global clients, including Microsoft, IBM, Dell, Hewlett Packard, Symantec, Sun Microsystems, AT&T, and American Express.

Based in Silicon Valley, Rainmaker is a leading provider of sales and marketing solutions combining hosted application software and execution services. Rainmaker Asia is its second regional and global office outside the United States, after Canada.

As a BPO firm, Rainmaker provides clients with back-office services, customer relationship management, collection and data work, and other top-quality expertise.

"But our main focus is on building stronger relationships with customers and on encouraging more customers to buy more products and services from our clients," says Rainmaker chief executive officer Michael Silton.

"We are not trying to be a typical call center. What Rainmaker tries to do is change how people buy, and change how very well-known companies sell," Silton stresses.

Recognized for gaining the trust of the top 10 most respected brands in the world, Rainmaker combines the technology of the web with the quality of telephone discussion to build strong customer relationships for its global clients. "Even more important," he says, "is the quality of person-to-person connectivity."

Yet, most of Rainmaker's clients have their own call centers around the world. Dell, for example, has its own call center at the Bay City in Manila.

These clients with global markets apparently acknowledge Rainmaker's cutting-edge expertise and advantage in its field. "We help big companies, like Dell, sell better and track more customers, and help those customers buy more over time," Silton says of Rainmaker's strength in revenue generation.

"Other companies try to save more money for their clients, whereas Rainmaker finds more markets, more customers and more money for its clients," Silton explains.

Less than five months after the $11.5-million acquisition of Qinteraction, Rainmaker Asia now accounts for more than 10 percent of Rainmaker Systems' global revenue output, and it's growing fast.

Qinteraction, the first BPO company to gain ISO 9001-2000 certification in Asia, had some 800 personnel occupying two floors in the BPI Center on Buendia Avenue. Rainmaker absorbed them all and immediately put in 350 additional seats.

The company continues to expand and now occupies another floor in the nearby Pacific Star Building. Its people interact with Australian and Asian customers by day, and North Americans by night.

"This is absolutely going to be the best quality call center in the world. We're looking, not just for good quality talent in Manila, but world-class quality in Asia. What we've seen is the talent so strong here that I want to remove the limits of what is possible. There's just so much that we can do together. The talent that is here and the customers we bring make a wonderful combination," Silton explained.

To ensure quality, the company conducts training in language skills and how to interact with customers. "We'll spend more on training as we go forward," Silton said and cited the Filipino passion for taking care of customers as one of Rainmaker's reasons for choosing Manila as its Asian base.

Silton is the founder of Rainmaker, a NASDAQ listed firm whose sales and marketing solutions drive more revenues for its clients.

COLLECTING small boulders, gravel and sand has become a lucrative source of livelihood to most of the residents of Barangay Maipon, Guinobatan, Albay.

Gender poses ...

From page B4-1

buried by mudflow from Mayon Volcano and hundreds of people died and went missing.

She and her children now live in a house made of plastic sackcloths pieced together at the back of the river dike.

For the village residents, gender does not serve as a barrier for the men and women who gather gravel, sand and boulders for a living.

Mejillano admits that at first, she had a hard time with a job usually done by men.

"But as I got used to it, my job became easier for me," she says.

"We do not see any problem doing this job. We just help each other here," Mejillano says.

She says she prefers the job in the river than to work as a housemaid, which would require her to leave her children.

"If I would be away, I would always worry about my children," Mejillano says.

She says many of the women here enjoy helping the men do their jobs.

"Especially when the trucks pick up our gathered sand, gravel and boulders," she says.

Mejillano says they are paid P100 to P400 for every truckload of gravel, sand and boulders they gather, which are used as construction materials for houses and buildings.

The trucks from nearby construction companies go to the village to pick up what the villagers have gathered.

The payment for the construction materials, Mejillano says, is used to purchase things that their families need, especially food, which would last for two to three days.

Mejillano's sister Marilou Marilla, 38, also a stone gatherer, admits that what they earn is just barely enough for their basic family needs.

"*Basta lang makaraos* (As long as it could tide us over for the day). We are thankful on that alone," she says.

Although they are not happy that many houses were destroyed during the typhoon, they are thankful that the demand for these construction materials increased, which also means added income for them.

"After Reming, our income really increased. We are really happy," she says.

"Almost everyday, a truck picks up our gathered stones here because many are fixing their destroyed houses," says Marilla, whose husband is also a stone gatherer.

Mejillano and Marilla, who try to gather at least 26 sacks of gravel daily, have no plans of leaving their home because "we have no other place to go and this is where our livelihood comes from," they say.

But they are always ready to evacuate if typhoons would endanger the lives of their families.

The sisters welcome the kind of rains not induced by typhoons because, according to them, this kind of rains bring more gravel to the river.

"As the water becomes deeper, we get more gravel," says Mejillano, who prefer to work when it is raining because "we do not feel tired compared to the days when the the sun is out."

Everyday, at around 6 a.m., the sisters would go to the river to gather stones.

And before lunch, they would go back to their homes to cook lunch for their families.

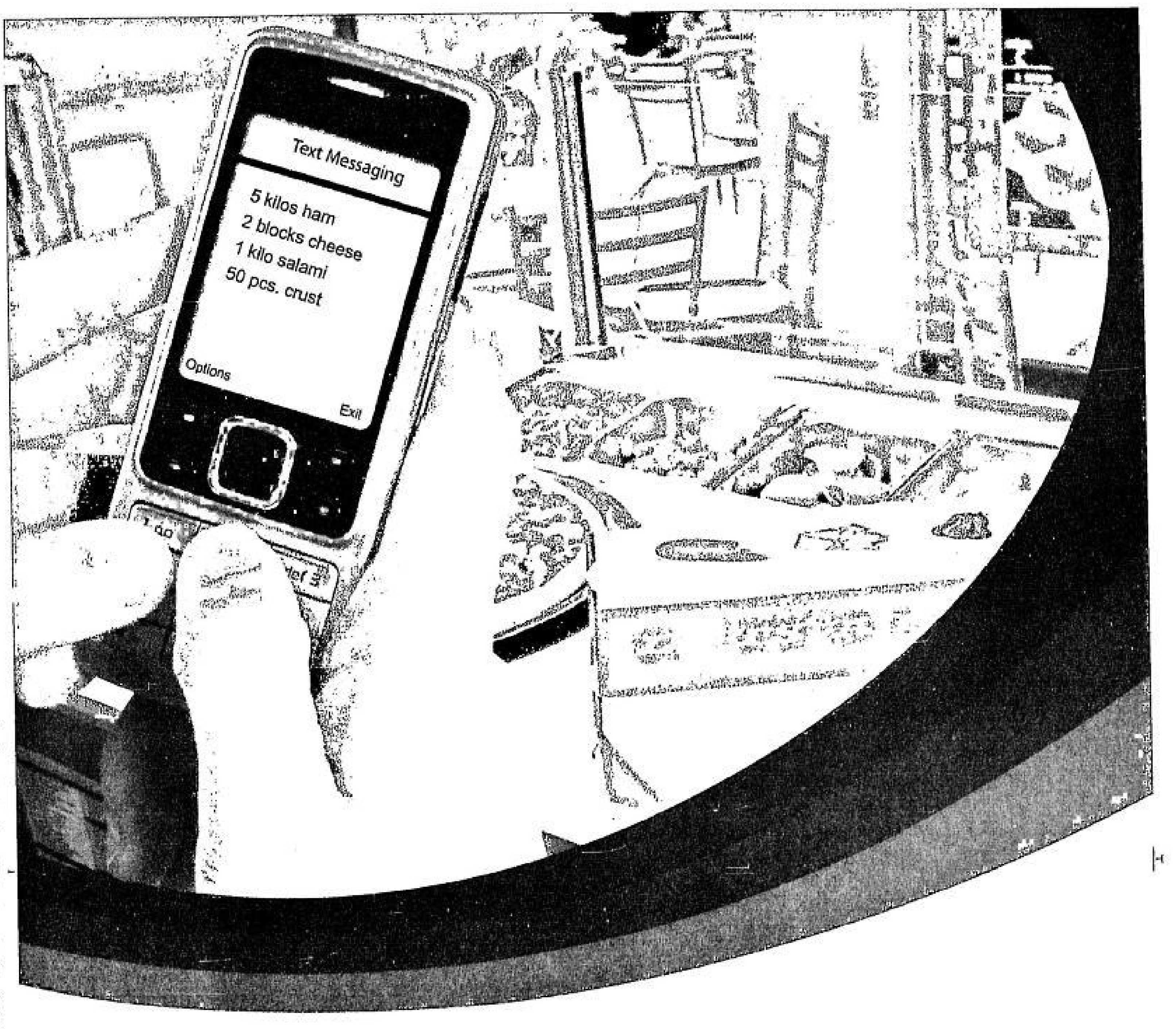
After lunch, they would rest for a while and watch their favorite noontime TV show and then go back to the river to work again until late afternoon.

This is their daily routine, "and we are happy," the sisters affirmed.

After Reming, many of the residents of Maipon, especially the farmers, shifted to gathering gravel, sand and boulders.

But Marilla and Mejillano do not mind.

They say there are enough to gather so there is no problem if there are many of them doing the same thing.



Ordering stocks is now as easy as sending text.

The SME Inventory Ordering System

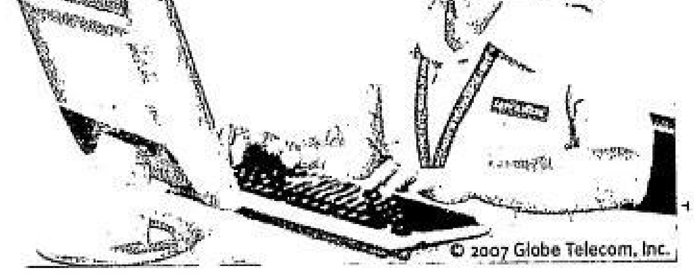
I.O.S. is a new system that allows your branches to order supplies in just a few keystrokes.
Not only is it faster and more efficient, it drastically reduces human errors. You enjoy faster turnaround and increased sales.
A must-have if you have a retail or wholesale business that requires frequent replenishment of inventory.

Here's how it works:
1. Your branch orders via text.
2. The system confirms via text.
3. Upon confirmation, the branch order is automatically loaded into your server, delivery is scheduled and statements of account are prepared.

For more Info about the SME Inventory Ordering System and other Globe services, email sme@globetel.com.ph or call (02) 730-1288 or 1-800-8-730-1288 (toll-free via Globe).

Sa Globe, laging konektado kaya madali ang pag-asenso.

Globe™ Business



© 2007 Globe Telecom, Inc.

FOR TOTAL TERMITE PROTECTION, USE
Solignum WOOD PRESERVATIVE for wood protection,
HomeTrek* TC From the distributers of Lentrek*TC and Dursban. for soil treatment.
Call Engr. Lunas at 843-6011 to 28 or 0920-910-ANAY (2629)
Distributed in the Philippines by Jardine Distribution, Inc.
www.jardinedistribution.com
Solignum COLOURLESS AZ
Solignum BROWN
HomeTrek* TC
GOODBYE ANAY!

BUSINESS Monday

HIGH SCHOOL students from Villasis, Pangasinan, take part in the dance competition, one of the highlights of the annual Talong Festival. RAY B. ZAMBRANO/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

What's 'pinakbet' without eggplants?

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Inquirer Northern Luzon

VILLASIS, PANGASINAN—What's *pinakbet*, the favorite vegetable stew of many Filipinos, without eggplants?

But aside from being the dish's main ingredient, eggplant is a versatile vegetable that can be cooked in many different ways, according to residents of this town, one of its biggest producers.

Villasis positions itself as a vegetable basket in eastern Pangasinan, but many farmers are focused on eggplant production as it is literally a "cash crop" that brings lots of money to them.

Eustacio Mencias, 57, says that he used to plant tobacco on his one-hectare farm but shifted to eggplant. He has never looked back since.

At one time, he harvested eggplants that brought him enough income to buy a jeepney.

Capital-intensive

Eggplant production is capital-intensive with P70,000 to P80,000 needed for one hectare for labor and inputs like seeds and fertilizer.

On good days, a farmer can harvest 4,000 kilos a day. At P20 a kilo, that means a farmer can earn P80,000.

A farmer starts harvesting two months after planting. Harvest is done every five days or so for six months. A hectare averages 30 tons or 30,000 kilos per production cycle, or some P300,000.

But not every planting season is good, Mencias says. "Sometimes, when other provinces produce much, the price plunges," he says. A worse scenario is when the price is below P5 a kilo.

For years now, Mencias has been planting eggplant and through experience, he has learned many technologies that he readily shares with co-farmers.

Soil fertility

"Cultural practices based on experience are best when combined with new technologies," he says.

For instance, he learned that when the eggplant's growth is stunted, "it means the soil is already acidic from over-application of chemical fertilizer."

"The soil needs the micro-nutrient zinc sulfate to bring back its fertility," he says.

He also frowns at the overuse of pesticide. He says he uses it only when it is needed.

The Bureau of Plant Industry monitors the toxic residue from pesticide "and our eggplant always passes the test," says the municipal agriculturist, Cornelio Atchuela.

He says 12 of the town's 21 villages are involved in eggplant production. A total of 335 hectares are planted to the crop.

The soil in these villages is favorable to eggplant, which thrives on sandy loam and well-drained soil.

Casino-type

Atchuela says about 600 people are engaged in the production, but more residents are given work during harvest time.

Farmers plant several hybrid varieties, but the most preferred is the casino type—long and dark purple. This variety is prolific and resistant to diseases and has longer shelf life, Atchuela says.

Next month, the eggplant will take center stage when Villasis holds its Third Talong Festival, a happy occasion for farmers and residents to advertise their versatile vegetable to the world.

Soap-making seminar set in Angeles, Pampanga

HERE'S A NEW TAKE ON BATHING, cleaning and laundering.

Bathe yourself, do your laundry, and wash using soap or detergent you made yourself. Learn how to make different soaps and start your own small business at home.

Soap-making can be a bubbly business once you know the basics.

Sign up as the Golden Treasure Skills Development Program will conduct a one-day seminar on soap-making to be at College of Social Work and Community Development at Magsaysay Avenue, cor. Ylanan Street, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, on Dec. 15, Saturday and at the Angeles University Foundation Multi-Purpose Cooperative Hall at 1395 M. Ponce St., C.M. Recto, Angeles City, Pampanga, on Dec. 16, Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Topics to be discussed are sourcing of materials and costing, entrepreneurship on how to start and maintain a business.

Participants will learn how to make liquid dishwashing soap, liquid hand soap, liquid all-purpose soap, bar detergent soap, herbal bath soap (papaya, kalamansi, cucumber, oatmeal, etc.) glycerin (transparent bath soap) powder soap.

Bonus courses include making liquid bleach, tile and bowl cleaner, fabric softener, car shampoo, tireblock, glass cleaner, air freshener, etc.

Participants will receive certificates of training right after the seminar. Lunch and snacks will be served. All materials will be provided.

For questions, please call (02)-421-15-77; (02)-436-78-26; (02)-913-65-51; and (02)-433-64-13.

PSBank Peso TIME DEPOSIT

Deposit Amount	Interest Rates	
In Pesos	Less than 1 Year	1 Year
100,000 - 499,999	3.50	3.50
500,000 - 999,999	3.75	3.75
1.0MM - 4.99MM	4.50	4.50
5.0MM - 9.99MM	4.75	4.75
10.0MM and up	5.00	5.00

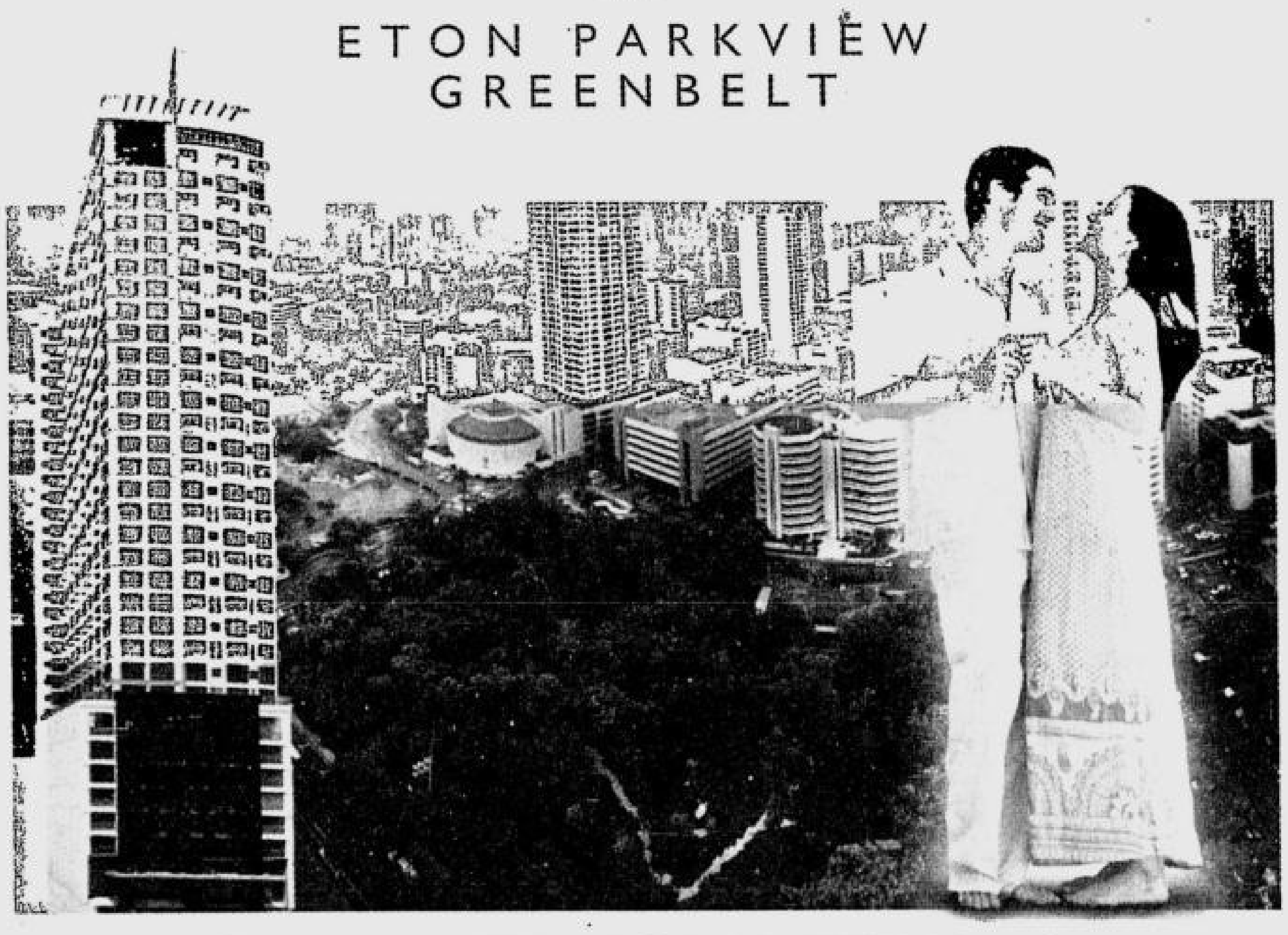
Rates are subject to change without prior notice, on per annum basis and net of documentary stamp taxes

Manage your account online via PSBank Remote Banking. Open a time deposit now in any of 163 branches nationwide.

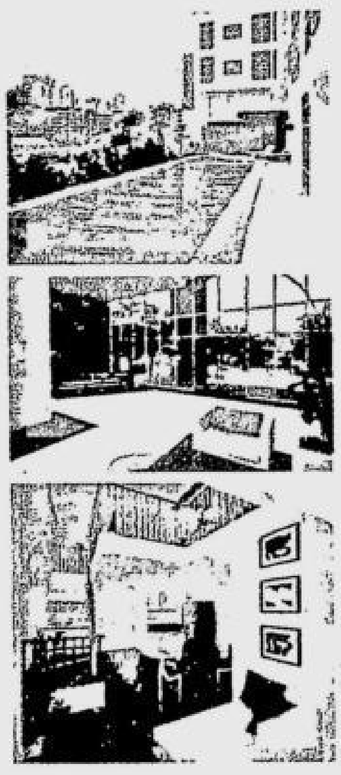
For more information, text PSBANK PTD <your name> <landline no.> <email address> then send to 391-772 for Smart or 0917-8902327 for Globe and other networks, or visit our website at www.psbank.com.ph

Member of the PDIC Maximum Deposit Insurance for each Depositor is P250,000.

ETON PARKVIEW GREENBELT



Take a FRESH VIEW of Condo Living



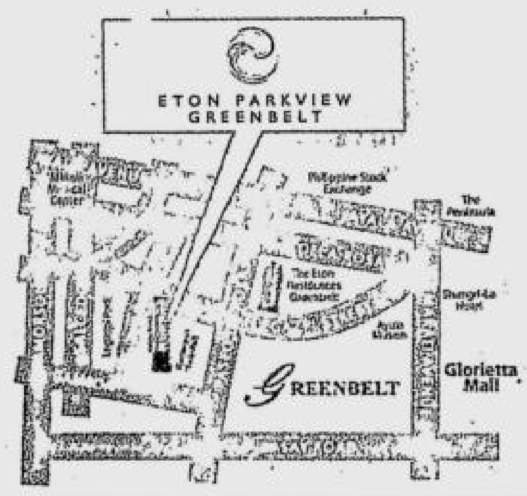
Rising at the heart of bustling Makati, ETON PARKVIEW GREENBELT is truly an enviable location.

Everything is just a short walk away. From the world-class restaurants, boutiques, supermarkets and cinemas of Greenbelt Mall to the lush, refreshing scenes of Washington Sycip Park and Legaspi Park.

Delight your eyes in an expansive view of the Makati skyline with a sanctuary of green unfolding at your feet.

Be one of the privileged owners of this premium 34-storey ALL-LOFT residential masterpiece. Enjoy world-class amenities from a spacious fitness center, swimming pool to a quaint landscaped garden.

For announcement purposes only.

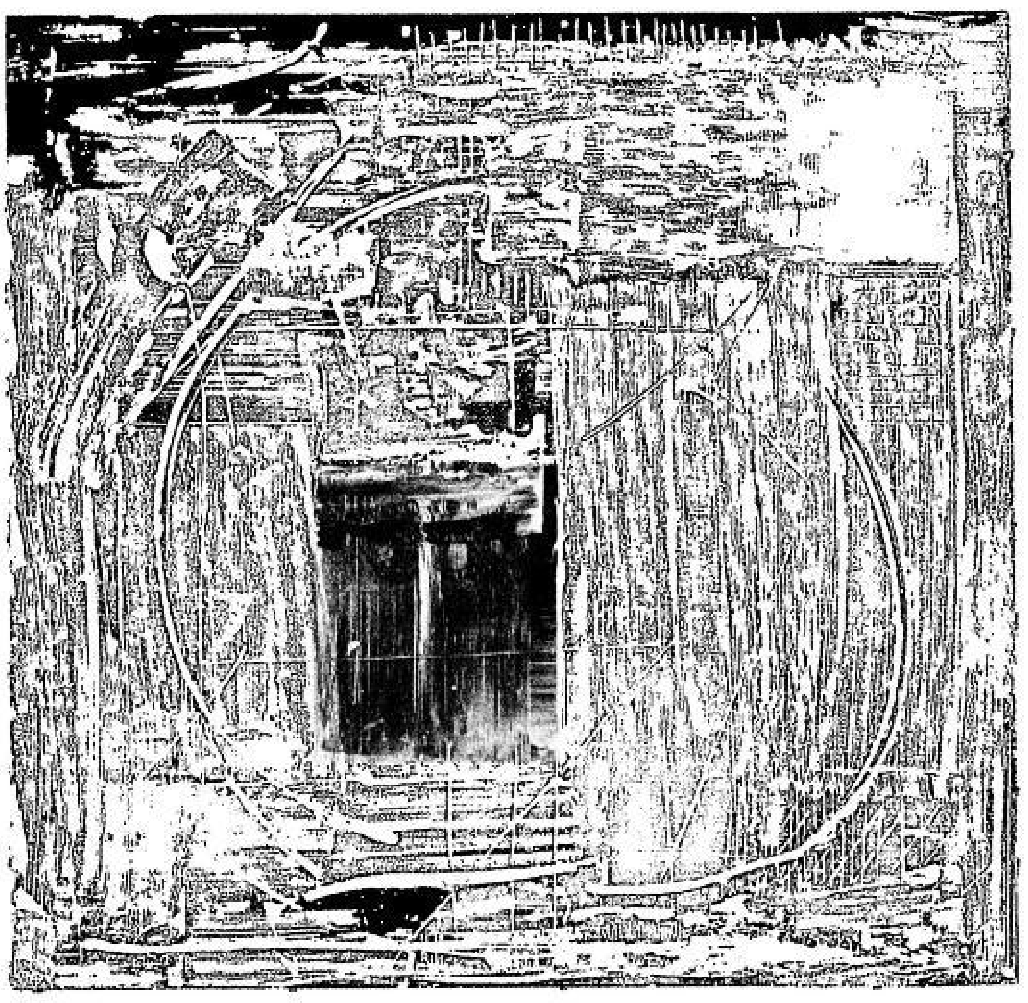


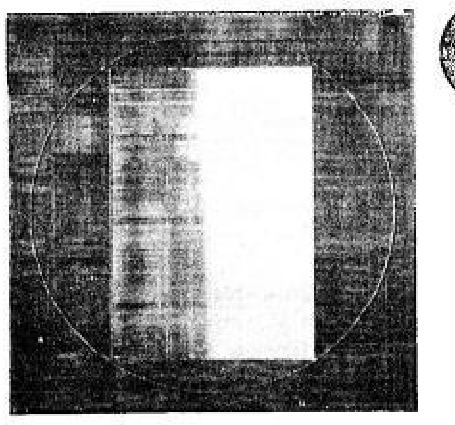
845 - ETON (3866) (0917) 894 - ETON (3866)
www.etonparkviewgreenbelt.com
A premier development of
ETON
Eton Properties Philippines, Inc.
A sister company of Philippine Airlines, Philippine National Bank, Allied Bank and Oceanic Bank

IN THIS ISSUE
New Nuncio treated to Christmas concert /D2
2 shows pay tribute to Sanso /C2

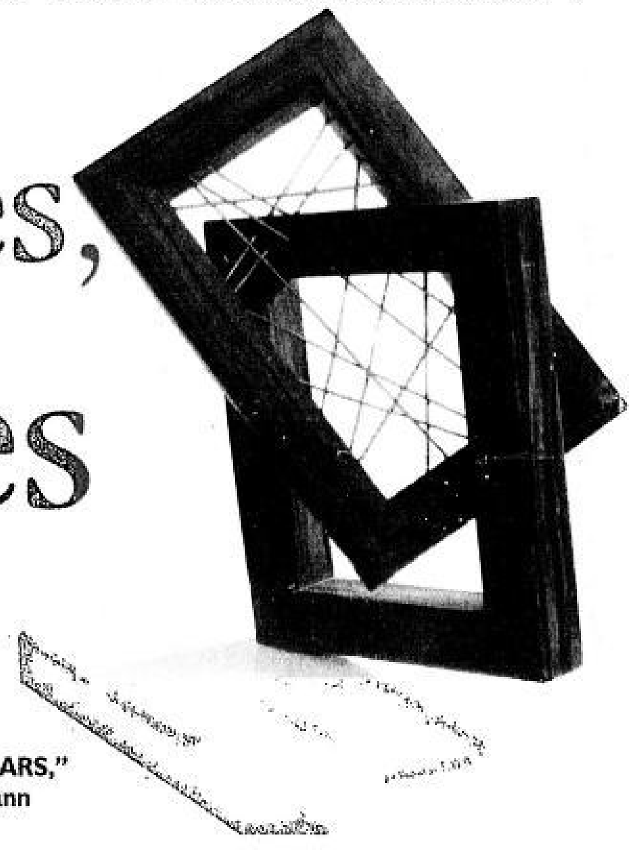
LIFESTYLE
Website: www.inquirer.net/lifestyle
Editor **Chelo Banal-Formoso** *Subsection Editor* **Lito B. Zulueta**
sms feedback: inquirer life name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) and 386 (Smart) **or email us at** lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

Carating's monologues, Brumann's odes





"ODYSSEY" and "Between Storms" (left), by Norberto Carating



"RECTANGULARS," by Hans Brumann

NORBERTO CARATING HAS created masterful strokes of acrylic on canvas that are at once the largest panoramas of the soul of Filipino culture and the throbbing palette of indigenous fabrics, famous sunsets, and the day-moving orbs on the skies and the earth. Carating disdains any ambition less than multi-layered themes and epic in scope.

Into Carating's works, many allusions and meanings have been elicited by the seers of the local art scene, and Carating has been modest by shunning any commentary on the meaning of his works. While viewers will measure the densities of his hues or the equidistance of his blocks, or become fixed by the suddenness of rupturing line or underlaying textures, Carating enjoys the precision of his art in creating grids and their comparative molding of contrast and volume.

The absence of figures in his art allows him to be diverse in his intentions. Often his grids and varying hues are the emotions and thoughts frozen in the veneer of color. They are monologues in his mind.

"Interlock & Grid" is a moving experience and a rich palette of Philippine traditions rising from its heritage of poetry, dance, rituals and sceneries. It is an entry into the proud souls of the descendants of a race which were once the bravest warriors and the great boat builders in Asia.

Brumann

In the exhibit, Carating is joined by Swiss-Filipino jeweler Hans Brumann.

Brumann is an inveterate lover of the woodland, seas and the tropical sun of his adopted country. Unconsciously the Filipino myths of the beautiful nymphs and enchanted stones have seeped into his youngish imagination.

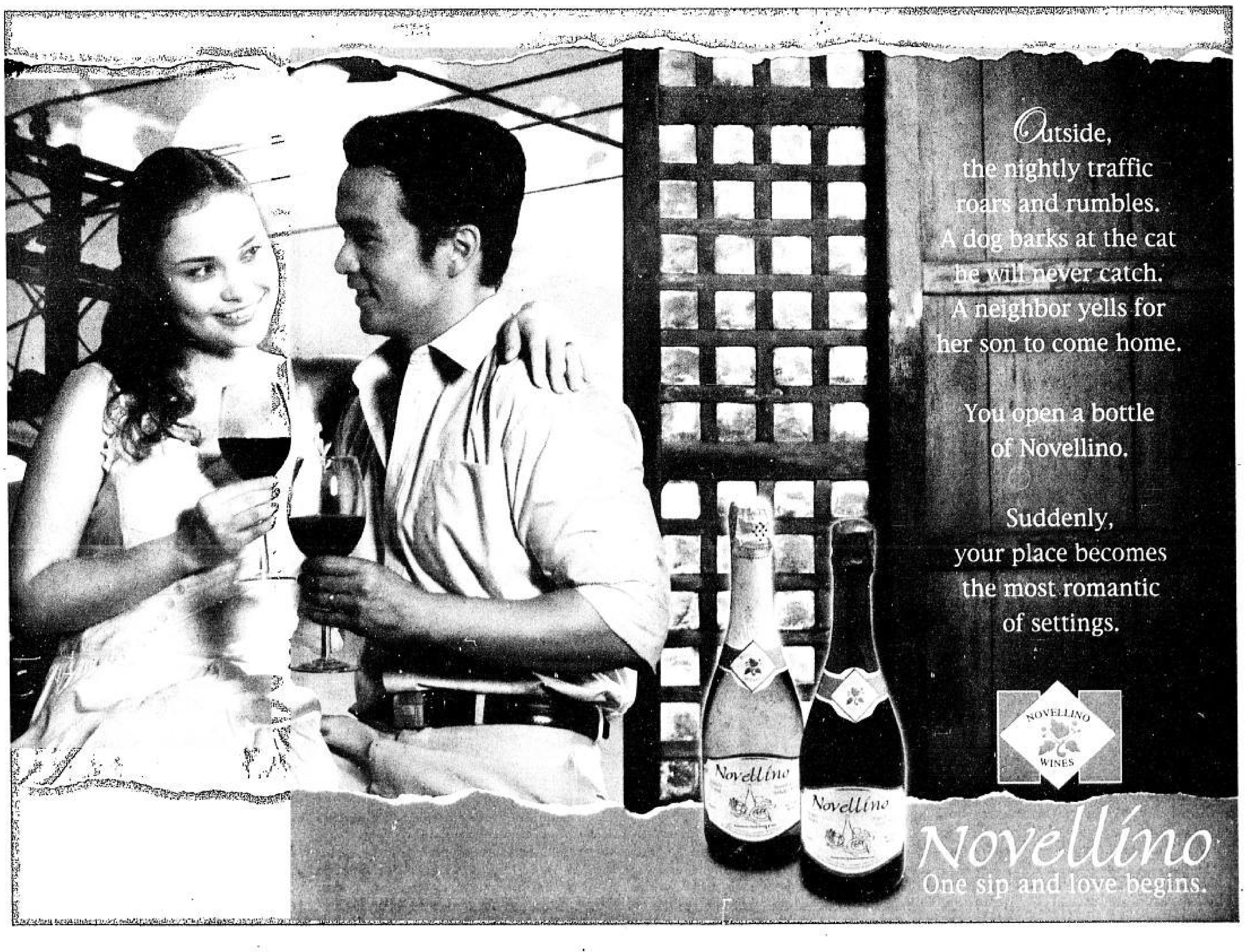
Leaning on these objects of affection for the nation whom he embraced ethereally in his heart, Brumann throws his artistic fancy on the fluttering and dancing reflections of the nacre or mother of pearl. As though a confidante to the soul of their former pearl-looking occupants, he transforms their gleaming walls into monoliths of moving lights across the silver sheets of heaving masses of noontime sea tides.

Oftentimes he cuts them into square tiles that send out soft flickers from moving shadows that recall panoramas of dawns on mountain tops and dusk time on the wa-

CARATING/ C2

Did you know?
Home microwave ovens were introduced in the 50's.
Introduced in 1951. Like the micro, Cream Corn Starch has been in kitchens ever since.
Also available: Cream ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR

BOOK n' BUY
BORACAY'S SEASON OF JOY! CHRISTMAS 2007
Quad Sharing
Php 11,950
Php 12,950
Valid from Dec 17 to Jan 6
Inclusions • 3D/2N Deluxe Room • Welcome Drink • Full Board Meal • RT Airfare • RT Caticlan Airport Transfers via Island Star Express • Use of Pool, Gym and Jacuzzi • 50% off on Wall-Climbing • Personal Accident Insurance Coverage (COCOLIFE)
Note: Exclusive of Terminal and Environmental Fees
PATIO PACIFIC Boracay
12/F Multinational Bancorp Centre
6805 Ayala Avenue, Makati City 1226
Tel: 8452222 to 27 • Fax: 8452233
Email: sales@patiopacificboracay.com
Website: www.patiopacificboracay.com

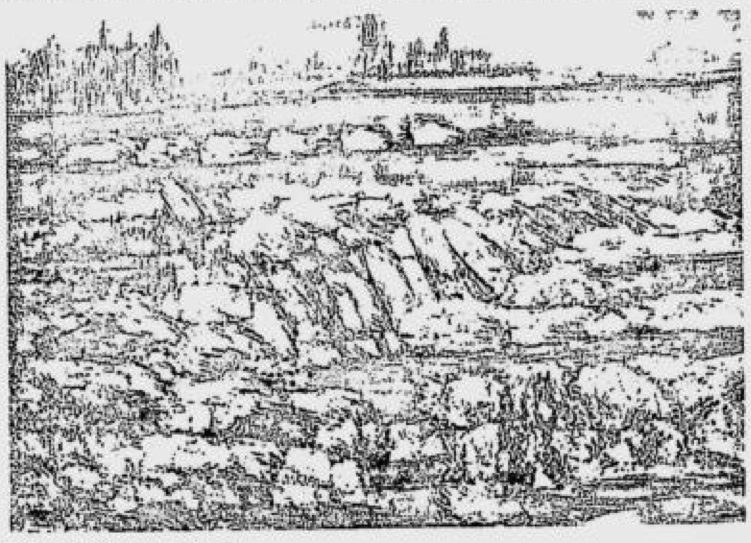


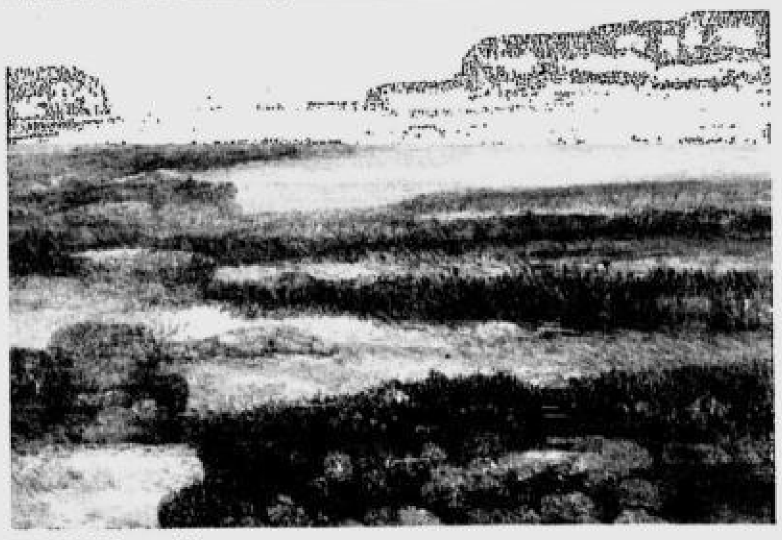
Outside,
the nightly traffic
roars and rumbles.
A dog barks at the cat
he will never catch.
A neighbor yells for
her son to come home.

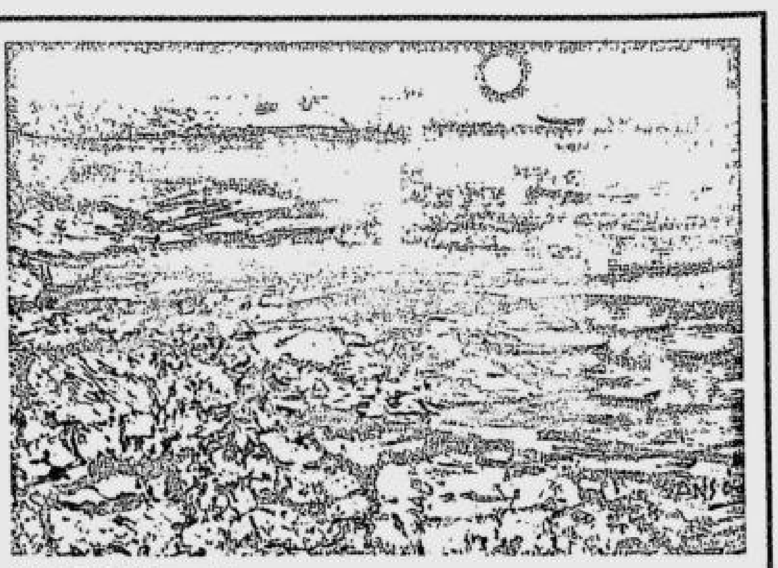
You open a bottle
of Novellino.

Suddenly,
your place becomes
the most romantic
of settings.

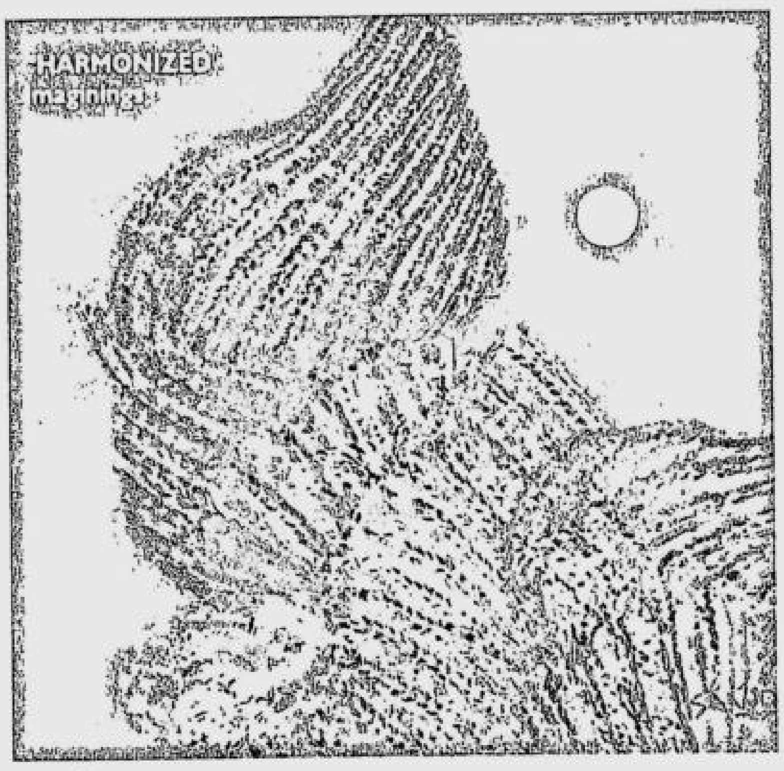
NOVELLINO WINES
Novellino
One sip and love begins.


"GOLDEN Horizon"


"CALM Waters"


"RADIANT Sunset"

Two galleries hold tributes to Sanso



GALERIE FRANCESCA AND GALERIE Joaquin Podium will open the simultaneous tribute "Homage to Sanso," featuring 20 works each, on Dec. 18.

Included in the exhibit are two 6x6-inch paintings, "Harmonized Imaginings" and "With Wondrous Images." Beautiful seascapes such as the 6x8-in "Radiant Sunset" and 11.75x16-in "Golden Horizon" will also be exhibited.

Catalan-born Juvenal Sanso is widely considered an important artist here and abroad. In 1951, he won first prize in both the oil and watercolor competitions of the Art Association of the Philippines, and third place in the Shell art competition. He received art education at UP, UST, Academia di Belle Arti in Rome, and L'Ecole Nationale Superieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris.

In 1964, his work "Leuers" was adjudged Print of the Year by the Cleveland Museum of Art, making Sanso join the ranks of previous winners Henri Matisse and Salvador Dali. In the same year he held a major all-media one-man show at the Cleveland Museum of Art, as well as one-man shows at the prestigious Philadelphia Print Club and New York's Weyhe Gallery.

In 1966, Sanso had a 20-year retrospective show at the Makati Commercial Center. In 1974, a 25-year retrospective was held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. In 1976, in commemoration of the Manila World Bank and the International Monetary Fund summit meetings, a retrospective of some 1,000 of his works was made. In 1989, he made a milestone by doing six simultaneous exhibits in Manila at the Metropolitan Museum, Lopez Museum, Ayala Museum, Center Cultural de Espaha, Alliance Française and Finale Art File. His works are part of the collections in over 40 museums all over the world.

In June 2006, President Macapagal-Arroyo awarded Sanso the Presidential Medal of Merit. Spanish King Juan Carlos I also gave him the distinguished Cross of Isabela for his outstanding accomplishments in the arts

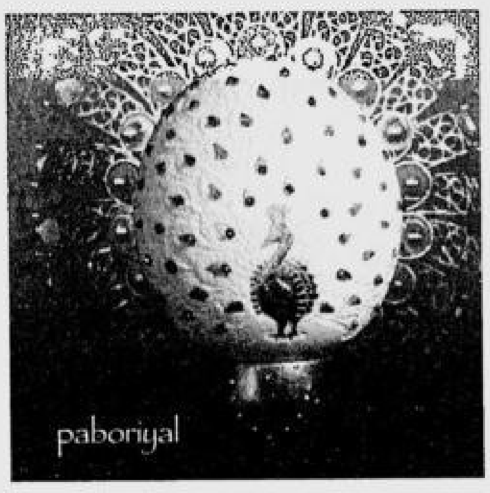
Preview starts Dec. 14.

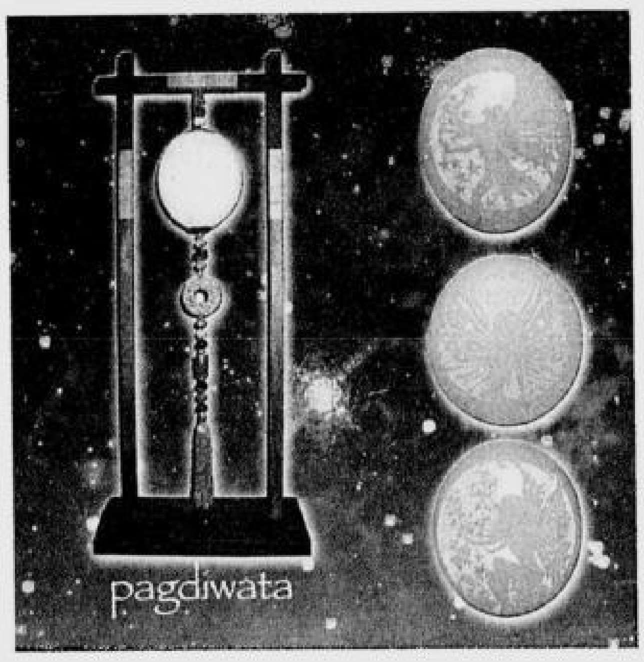
Galerie Francesca is at Unit 2B-2C Treasure Trove at the third level of Festival Supermall in Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Call 8098495.

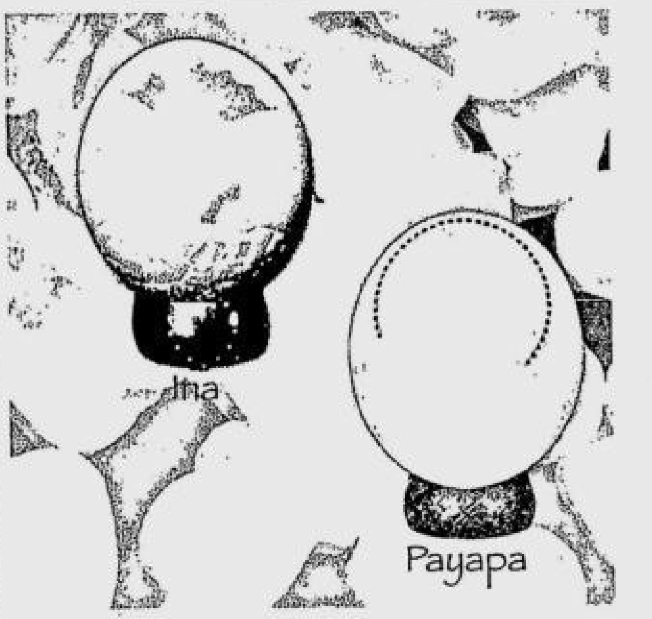
Galerie Joaquin Podium is at Unit B12-B13, Lower Ground Level, The Podium, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City; tel. 6347954.

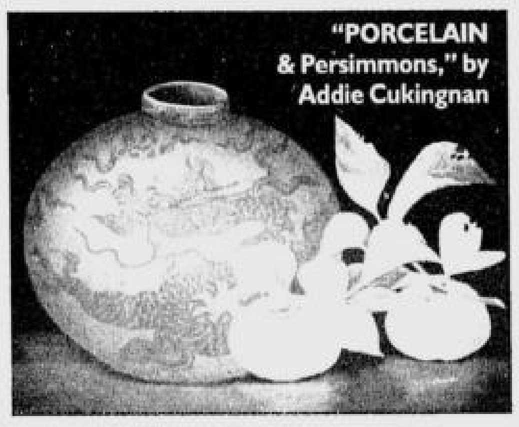
Art on ostrich eggs

DANNY RAYOS DEL SOL exhibits his unusual sculptures on ostrich eggs in the show "Whimsy," featuring meticulously hand-carved, cut and chiseled works. The show runs until Dec. 16 at Gallery Nine, 4/L, SM Megamall Art Walk. Call 9108016.





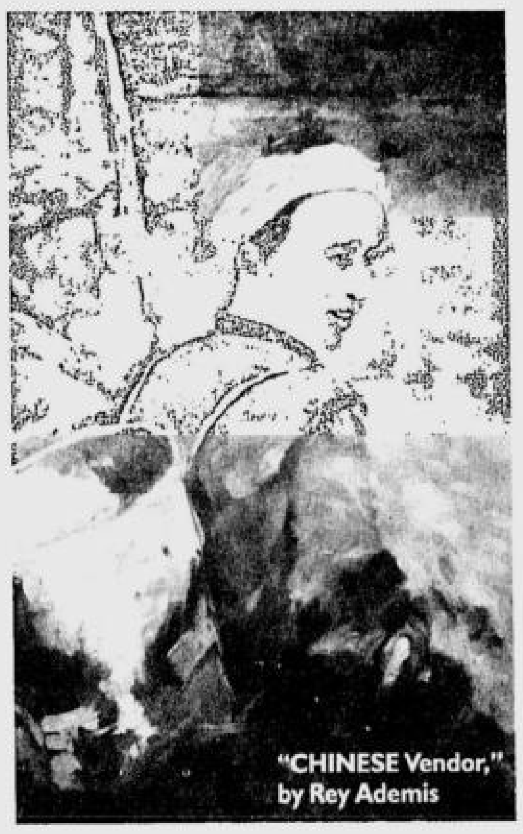



"PORCELAIN & Persimmons," by Addie Cukingnan

China visions by Arte Pintura

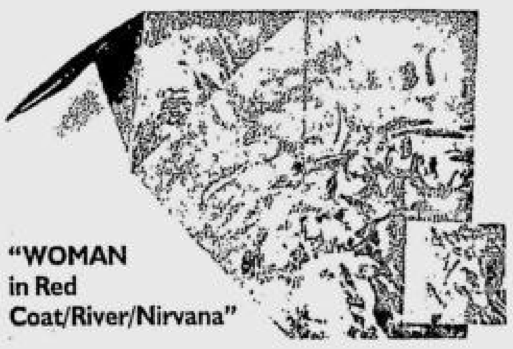
THE ARTE PINTURA GROUP CELEBRATES its 10th anniversary with an exhibit, "Visions of China."

After traveling to China last year on a cultural-exposure trip, group members Addie Cukingnan, Rey Ademis, Azor Pazcoguin, Abelardo Pasigado, Shirley Tan, Flor Baradi, Debbie Ann Tan, Tony Yusi and Rey Aurelio have come up with a compilation of works that depict the country and its people. A variety of landscapes, still-life and figure paintings show the versatility of the artists in the group and how they picture and interpret China with their brushes and palettes.


"CHINESE Vendor," by Rey Ademis

From the grandeur of the Great Wall to bustling market scenes and graceful blue porcelain and persimmons, the essence of China is captured through the artists' eyes and immortalized on canvas.

The exhibit runs Dec. 16-31 at Arte Pintura Gallery, 2/F, Kitaro Bldg., Shaw Boulevard corner Wack Wack Rd., Mandaluyong. Call 9117101 or 7266542.


"WOMAN in Red Coat/River/Nirvana"

The art of staining

By Constantino C. Tejero

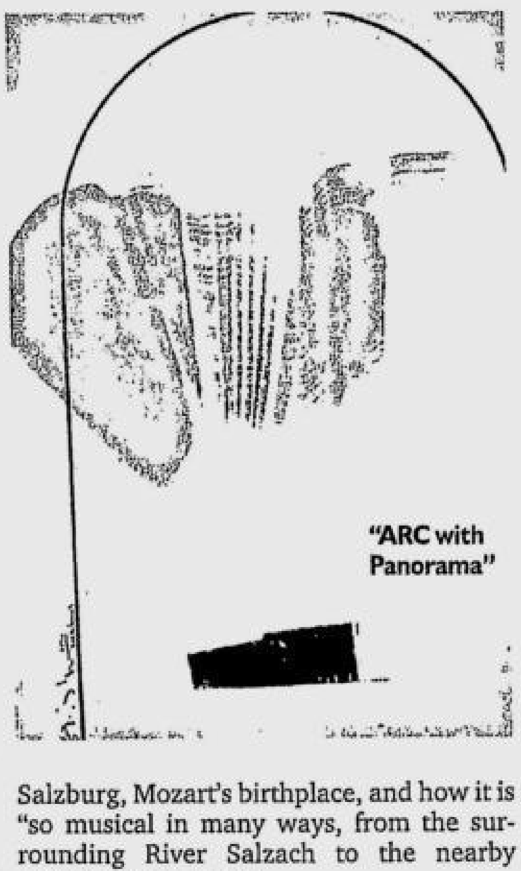
STAINING, WHICH MOST OF US take as an imperfection, a blemish on an immaculate surface, had been elevated to art and perfected as technique by the Abstract Expressionists in the 1950s, along with the splattering, smearing, dribbling and dripping of paint.

Staining predominates the latest abstraction of Nestor Olarte Vinluan in "From Künstlerhaus & Other Recent Works," pieces in mixed media on canvas and on paper, recently in West Gallery at the Artwalk, L/4, Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

A former dean of the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, Vinluan lately took up a residency program and traveled in Europe. When he returned with his latest works, one could see a sea-change had occurred in his art.

While we are familiar with his sunburst abstraction, that play with light and color that appears like a magnification of details from any painting by Monet, now we're seeing something that resembles Helen Frankenthaler's delicate abstraction of mountains and sea.

In fact, most of these pieces are supposed to be landscapes, or, as the artist calls them, "mountainscapes." He reveals they were inspired by what he saw and experienced in Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, and how it is "so musical in many ways, from the surrounding River Salzach to the nearby mountainous areas."


"ARC with Panorama"

To freely express that extraordinary experience, Vinluan had to deploy flowing lines, gestural strokes, layering of colors, collages and shaped formats so his works would be "closely related to the source of inspiration." And to catch the immediacy of the experience, he had to use mostly paper as it was "not only handy but also a more direct medium compared to canvas."

Satisfied with the result, he notes that what one sees in his paintings resemble rivers, arches, forms he composed while listening to Mozart's music in the background.

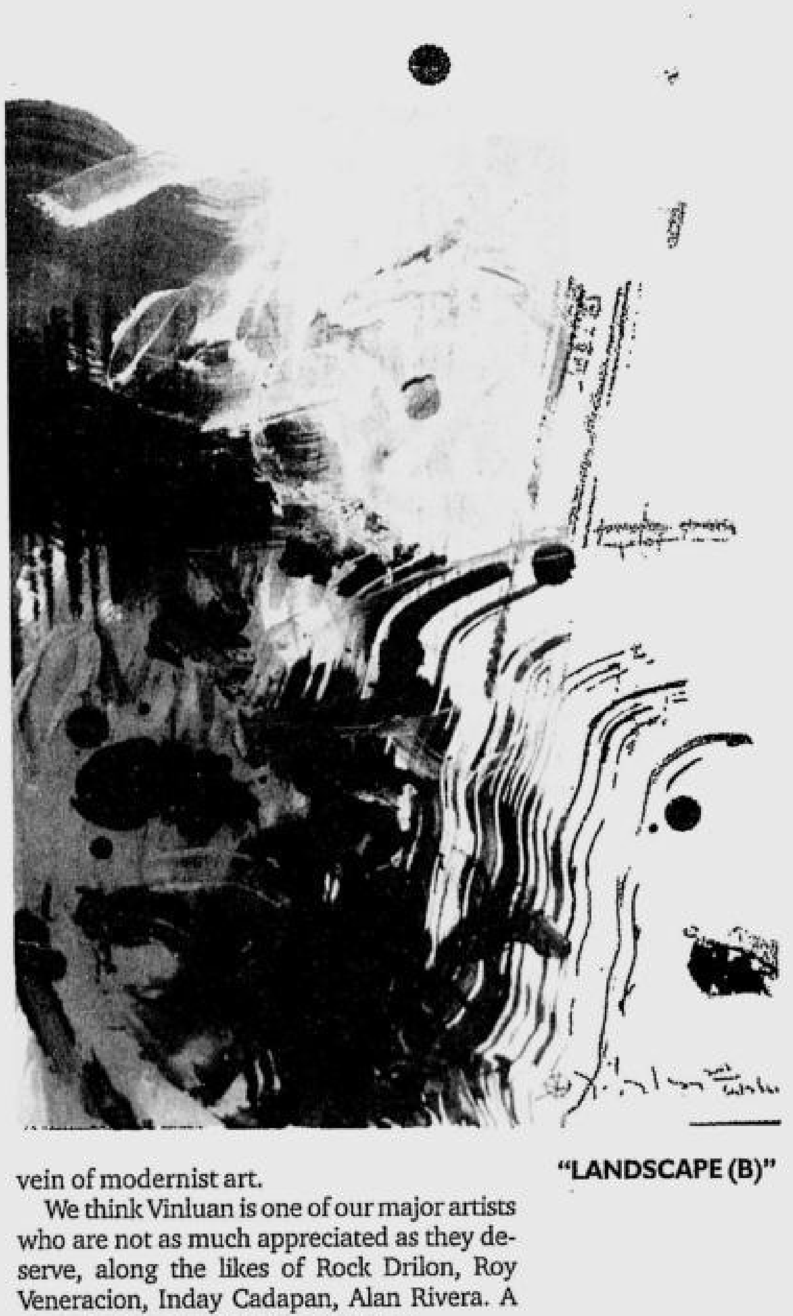
And they, indeed, resemble Frankenthaler's abstracted landscapes using the staining technique—with major differences in nuance.

Since Frankenthaler applies splotches of oil paint on unprimed canvas, the colors seep into the fabric, which she can't control, thus resulting in more fluidity of form and delicacy of coloration.

Vinluan works directly with acrylic on paper, and as paper is not as absorbent as fabric, the effect is less fluid and delicate, the forms more controlled and the coloration bolder. One can see the result in pieces such as "Landscape (B)" and "Woman in Red Coat/River/Nirvana," which are typical of Abstract Expressionism.

The one that most closely approximates the spontaneity and delicacy of Frankenthaler's staining is that broad pale-blue undulation in the collaged piece "Arc with Panorama" and similar pieces in a series. Here we see Vinluan moving farther away from his impressionistic abstraction of the past, and closer to the more progressive vein of modernist art.

We think Vinluan is one of our major artists who are not as much appreciated as they deserve, along the likes of Rock Drilon, Roy Veneracion, Inday Cadapan, Alan Rivera. A closer look would reveal a richer art.


"LANDSCAPE (B)"

Carating's . . .

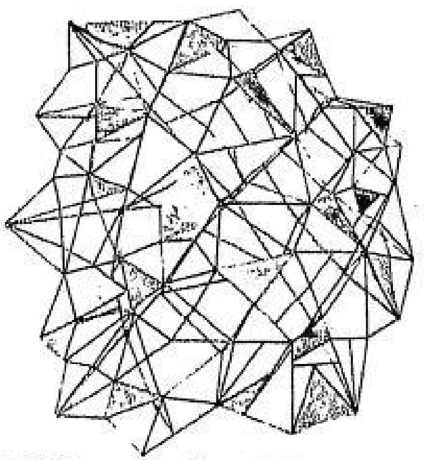
From page C1

ter-filled rice fields.

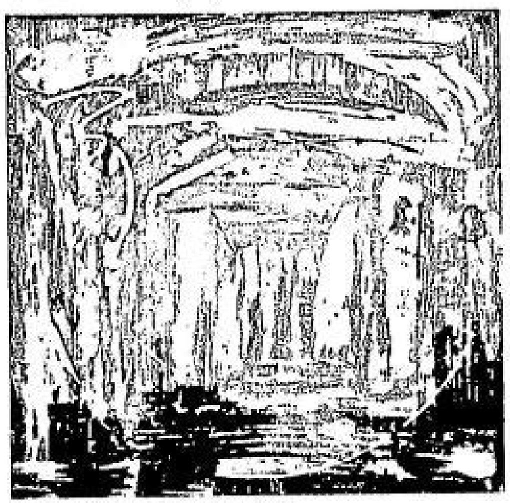
In the exhibition, "Interlock & Grid," he wields the bits of nacre as though they were the moving wings of some white bird or tiny insects touched by some lightning flash among the steel wires which wind up images of reveries the artist experiences in the midst of a song.

As an artist, Brumann is always a forger of material that has volume, mass and weight. He is a smith of beauty, of touch and luminous sheen. This explains his love for Philippine hardwood such as *narra, yakal* and *kamagong*. Their colors and sap grains he transforms into odes to Nature's might, growth and palpable processes.

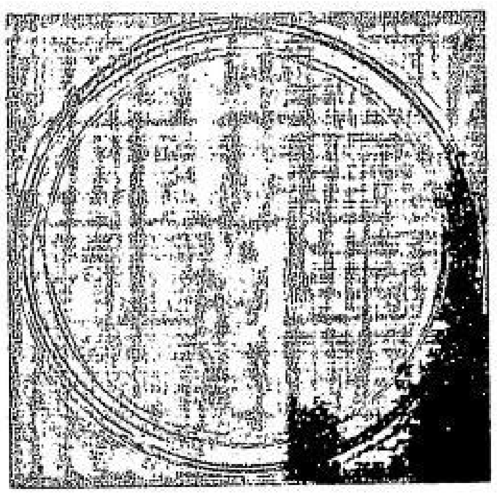
"Interlock & Grid" opens on Dec. 13 at the Galerie Hans Brumann on the third level of the new Greenbelt 5, Legaspi Street Makati City. Call 0917-5324455.



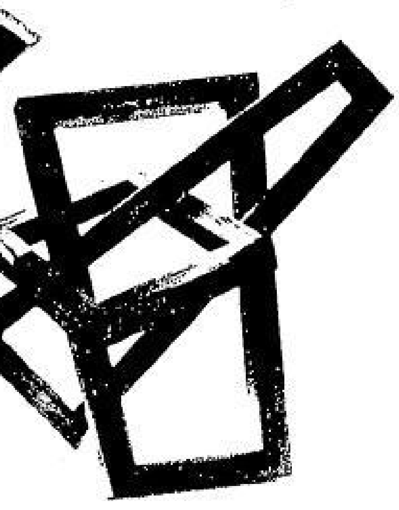
"POLAR Storm," by Brumann



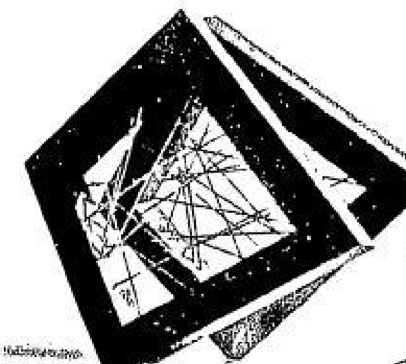
"LULLABYE," by Carating



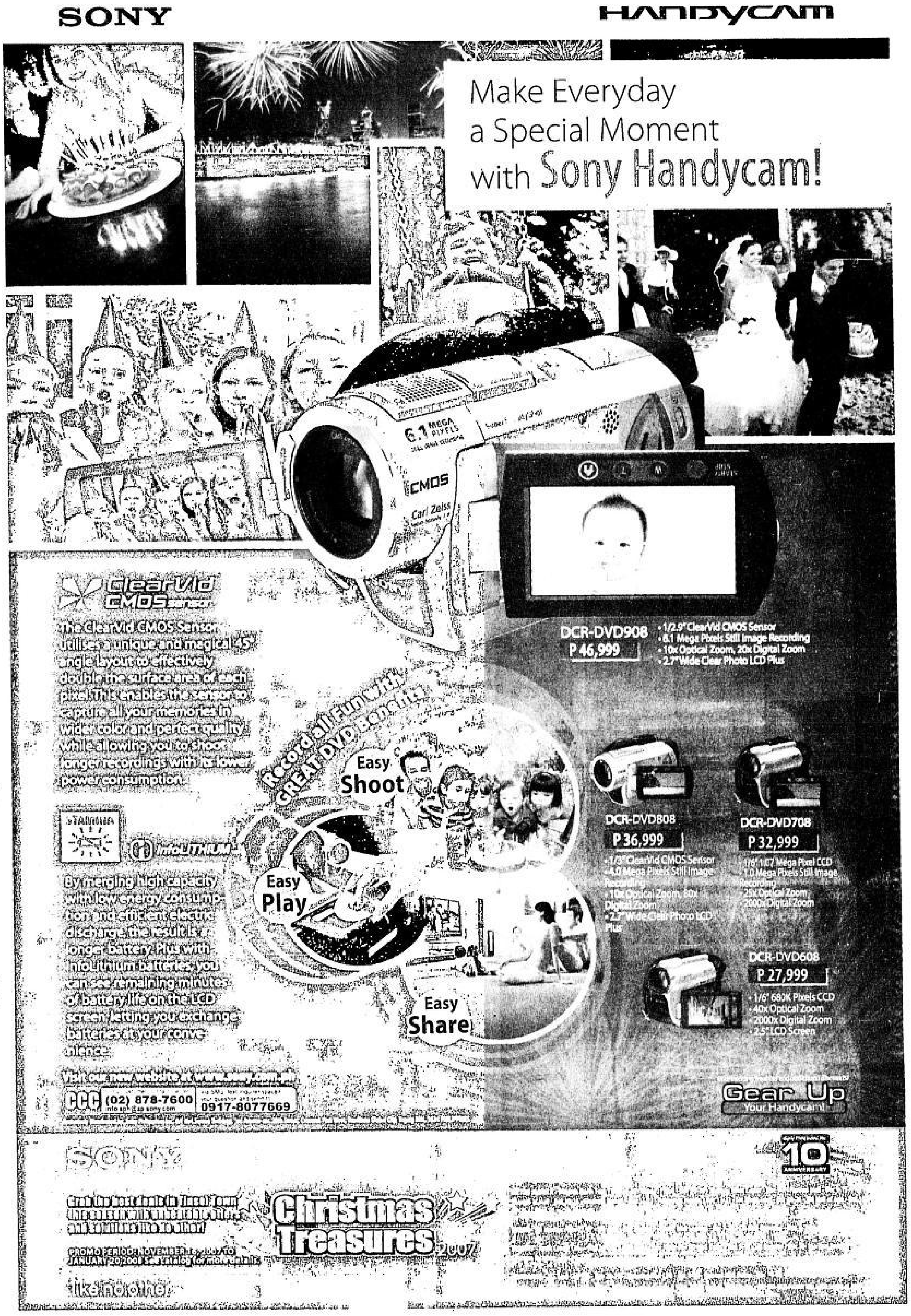
"CIRCLES and Spirals," by Carating



"INTERLOCK," by Brumann



"TRAPEZOID," by Brumann



SONY

HANDYCAM

Make Everyday
a Special Moment
with Sony Handycam!

ClearVid CMOS sensor

The ClearVid CMOS Sensor utilises a unique and magical 45° angle layout to effectively double the surface area of each pixel. This enables the sensor to capture all your memories in wider color and perfect quality while allowing you to shoot longer recordings with its lower power consumption.

InfoLITHIUM

By merging high capacity with low energy consumption and efficient electric discharge, the result is a longer battery. Plus with InfoLithium batteries, you can see remaining minutes of battery life on the LCD screen, letting you exchange batteries at your convenience.

Visit our new website at www.sony.com.ph

CCC (02) 878-7600 info.sph@ap.sony.com
0917-8077669

Record all Fun with GREAT DVD Benefits

Easy Shoot

Easy Play

Easy Share

DCR-DVD908
P 46,999
- 1/2.9" ClearVid CMOS Sensor
- 6.1 Mega Pixels Still Image Recording
- 10x Optical Zoom, 20x Digital Zoom
- 2.7" Wide Clear Photo LCD Plus

DCR-DVD808
P 36,999
- 1/3" ClearVid CMOS Sensor
- 4.0 Mega Pixels Still Image Recording
- 10x Optical Zoom, 80x Digital Zoom
- 2.7" Wide Clear Photo LCD Plus

DCR-DVD708
P 32,999
- 1/6" 1.07 Mega Pixel CCD
- 1.0 Mega Pixels Still Image Recording
- 25x Optical Zoom
- 2000x Digital Zoom

DCR-DVD608
P 27,999
- 1/6" 680K Pixels CCD
- 40x Optical Zoom
- 2000x Digital Zoom
- 2.5" LCD Screen

Gear Up Your Handycam!

SONY

10 ANNIVERSARY

Grab the best deals in Tinsel Town this season with unbeatable offers and solutions like no other!

Christmas Treasures 2007

PROMO PERIOD: NOVEMBER 16, 2007 TO JANUARY 20, 2008 See catalog for more details.

like.no.other

VANHEUSEN
BEST DRESS SHIRT

Created Heat
ON ITS FIFTH YEAR
@ Glorietta

Van Heusen's fifth year created a stir in Manila's fashion scene with a successful Fashion Show at the Glorietta Activity Center last November 14,2007. The party, entitled "VAN HEUSEN... ON FIVE," is a fashion exposition, launch and recognition rites rolled into one colorful celebration.

Attended by big names and celebrities, the event ignited heat at Glorietta. Van Heusen's new collection of APPAREL and INNERWEAR are surely treats for the senses.

The Sponsors who made the event possible!

Teriyaki BOY
Dencio's
PANCAKE HOUSE
Globe
KicKers
UNIWIN
The Travel Club
Bratpack
BusinessMirror

1 OPHIE TABIGNE(Innerwear & Accessories Manager - VH), GERMAN MORENO, MR. BOB MIRANI, MS. BETH PALEIS (VP of Madison Retailers Inc), DYNES DIGNADICE (Marketing Manager - VH & IZOD)
2 LUCINNE WATT (Licensee Director NY - VH), NESS REYES (Brand Manger - VH), GILBERT AVENDAÑO (Brand Manger - IZOD), KIRSTIN GALLOP (Licensee Director NY - IZOD)
3 ROBERT SYJUCO w/ MR. BOB MIRANI
4 ASHLEY, CHIRSTINE, AUDREY, CECILLE LIMJOCO & RANDY LIMJOCO
5 TONYPET ALBANO, ALBERT MARTINEZ & MURLI MENON (GM of TIMEX)
6 MR BOB MIRANI, KIRSTIN GALLOP & MR GEORGE MIRANI
7 LLOYD SAMARTINO

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
VAN HEUSEN'S FIVE ACCOMPLISHED MEN
TJ MANOTOC, RAYMOND ALBERT, DR ARNEL NUGUID
ROB PENGSON & KEVIN LIMJOCO
THE COLLECTIONS
THE STYLIST
THE CROWD
BOB C. MIRANI
CEO of Madison Retailers, Inc.

COMPLETE YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN STYLE.

One of the most enjoyable yet most difficult things to do during the holidays is shopping for Christmas presents. Finding just the right gift for your loved ones is always difficult. But if you manage to do so, it's always worth the trouble, seeing the smile brighten your recipient's face.

Complete your Christmas shopping list in style at The Podium during the **Pre-Christmas sale on December 14-16.** Enjoy great deals and discounts of up to 70% off on the most stylish fashions and latest toys from your favorite stores. For your greater shopping pleasure, store hours are also extended, so you can shop from 10am to 11pm on Dec. 14 and 16 and from 10am to 12mn on the 15th. You don't even have to worry about parking because for just P80, you can make use of the Valet Parking service.

If you'd like to take a break from your shopping, drop by The Lounge and let the Mandaluyong Children's Choir serenade you with the most heartwarming Christmas carols. For the young and the young at heart, there's also the Trumpets Fairytale Ville Musicale. So, for truly stylish shopping that covers everything from product selection, comfort and entertainment, The Podium is definitely the place to go.

LIST OF TENANTS: Montre • World of Feng Shui • La Elegancia • Ink and Stone • Les Lunettes de Paris • BPI • Akiga • Kaya • Gloria Maris • Leonidas Famous Belgian Pralines • Florabel • Lasa! Manila • UCC Vienna Café • Casa Armas • Dome Café • Cheesecake Etc. • Jugo Juice • Starbucks Coffee • Café Breton • G-Force • Lacoste Footwear • Beauty Bar • Goldworks • Delifrance • Ralph's Wines & Spirits • Watsons (Shiseido) • Crepes & Cream • Holland Tulips • Go Nuts Donuts • Mio Magazine Shop • Tabacalera Cigars • Lacoste Accessories / Lacoste Apparel • Jessica • The Ramp (Crossings) • Samsonite • British India • Esprit • Hans Brumann • Izod • David's for Rever • Watsons • National Bookstore • M)phosis • Dexter • G.H.Bass • CK Underwear • Banana Leaf Curry House • Mini Shabu Shabu • Burgoo • The Café Mediterranean • Le Jean Marithe & Francois Girbaud • The Body Shop • Vanafi Jewelry • Victorinox Luggages & Accessories • Cinnabon • Humor Post • Mary Grace • Segafredo • Fino • Gingersnaps • Bysi • Warehouse • Topshop / Topman / Dorothy Perkins • Nike Park • Stelt'z • Columbia Sportswear • The Picture Company • Baby & Company • Sit • Living Well • Chocolate Clothing • CMG • Arrow • TK by Toy Kingdom • Yaku • Romania Pizza Pasta & Grill • Crustacia Asian Crab & Seafood Restaurant • Speedo • Pacsports • Traffic Footwear • Suyen Face Shop • Figaro • Rudy Project • Dippin Dots • Lord Stow's Bakery • Cubes Et Al • See's Goodies & Café • Chef Tony's Popcorn • Mrs. Field's Cookies & Ice Cream • Color Stone • G-Factory • Nautica • Bayo • Giordano • Adidas • People R People • Stoked, Inc. • Geox • Kamiseta • Fix Bench Salon • Bench / Kashieca • SM Appliance Center • Finix • Rockport • Shoe Salon • Bufallo David Bitton • Astroplus • Stella • Rugged Door • Limb • Inner Disco • Ilaya • Lulu Bags • Optical Works • L Time Studio • Viktor Denim Republik • Substance • Naf Naf • Braun Buffel • Sebastian's Ice Cream • Michelis • Jewelmer • Miladay • Morellato • Laura's Jewel • Fuzion Smoothie Café • Pinoydon • Kitaro • Subway • NYPD • Landes • Sitio • Pagliacci • Kimono Ken • Q-Powerstation • Data Blitz • Health Plus • Nokia • The Spa • Hairshaft • Powertips by Silicon Valley • Smart Wireless Center • Semicon • Sugarnot • The Hub • SM Cinema • Cinema Snackbar • CD-R King • Airoma • Candy Corner • Nach-o Fast • Dental & Beyond Dental Clinic • Lotus Nail Spa • GTG Laptop & Sales • Au Beau Blanc Cleaners • LBC Express • Alterations Plus • Terry Selection • American Hearing Center • Hoseki • Opera Art Gallery • Galerie Joaquin • Art Circle • Hugo's Barbers • Kids Hair Salon • Kingsmen • Malu Veloso • Vicky Belo Medical Clinic • Kodak Express Network • Mobile I.com.ph Center • Darphin • Kusineras Co. • Clean Car

---

THE LOUNGE at THE PODIUM

A Yuletide Carol Extravaganza

Hear the sounds of Christmas as the country's finest chorales and orchestras serenade you with heartwarming Christmas favorites.

The Mandaluyong Children's Choir
Dec. 15, 5pm

Ryan Cayabyab's Glee Girls Group
Led by Choir Master Emi Cayabyab
Dec. 18, 7pm

UP Manila Chorale
Dec. 20, 5pm

Xavier Glee Club
Dec. 21, 3pm

DLSU Pops Orchestra
Dec. 22, 5pm

Las Pinas Boys Choir
Dec. 23, 5pm

UP Singing Ambassadors
Dec. 24, 5pm

Grupo Querdas Strings
Dec. 26, 5pm

Christmas Musical Shows

Bask in the spirit of Christmas as you watch these specially selected Christmas shows.

Trumpets Christmas Fairytale Ville Musical
Dec. 16, 5pm

Ateneo Highschool Symphonic Ensemble
Dec. 19, 6pm

Angelos: The Four Tenors
Dec. 25, 6pm

3 Days of Indulgence!

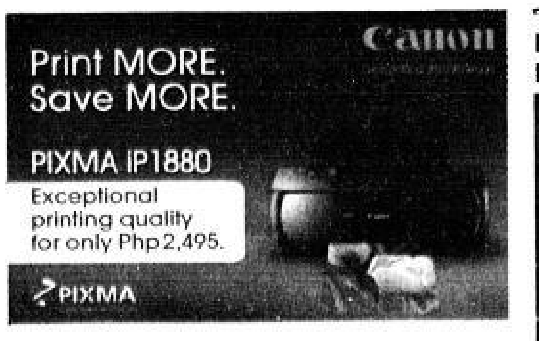
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN STYLE. ENJOY UP TO 70% OFF

DEC. 14 • 16, 10am-11pm
DEC. 15, 10am-12midnight

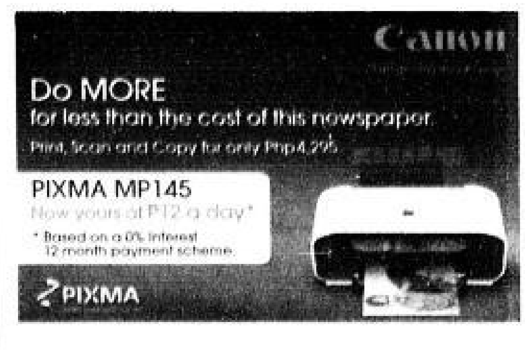
THE PODIUM
18 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. A3-0990 Series of 2007

MONDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2007
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
D1
LIFESTYLE
For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph
Website: www.inquirer.net/lifestyle
Text us your feedback: inquirer life message/city/message to 220 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)



Canon
Print MORE.
Save MORE.
PIXMA iP1880
Exceptional printing quality for only Php2,495.
PIXMA



Canon
Do MORE
for less than the cost of this newspaper.
Print, Scan and Copy for only Php4,295.
PIXMA MP145
Now yours at P12 a day*
* Based on a 0% interest 12 month payment scheme.
PIXMA

PASKONG PINOY

Grand Panunuluyan to be staged

CCP to dramatize Bethlehem journey with OFW theme

RAMON Obusan Folkloric Group in "Vamos a Belen" at the CCP Main Theater in December 2006

By Amadís Ma.Guerrero
Contributor

CONSIDER THIS SCENARIO: ST. Joseph and Mama Mary searching for an inn (Panunuluyan) transported to the present, our age of anxiety, a "relentless" age of travel and technology, wearing "folkloric-whimsical" costumes backdropped by silhouettes, and trailed by hundreds wanting to be part of the Filipino diaspora (Pinoys wanting to migrate as they seek a better life).

At every stop near or within the CCP (Cultural Center of the Philippines) Complex, Mary and Joseph are not so much turned away as actually comforted and even entertained, although an angel in the form of a Badjao is warning them to flee.

At the end, however, the couple is led to the front lawn of the CCP, where Mary "gives birth" amidst triumphant scenes of musical jubilation.

This is the updated version of the Panunuluyan, a cherished Christmas tradition in the Philippines, which will cap Paskong Pinoy (Dec. 18-22), a grand project of the CCP and the Manila Broadcasting Company which just might become an annual affair.

The event was announced in a recent press conference at the CCP's Silangan Hall presided over by CCP president Nestor Jardin and MBC president Jun Nicdao. The Philippine Madrigal Singers and 6 Cycle Mind band rendered (contrasting) musical numbers.

Pinoy Christmas

During the presscon, emcee Val Victa of MBC noted that Filipinos from abroad have reported that Christmas there is rather dry and different from a Filipino Christmas. ["Here," Victa said, "everything is all lighted up; we have the Simbang Gabi [Dawn Mass], etc ... And," he threatened, "now we will have the grandest Christmas celebration Pinoy-style."

The spectacular Panunuluyan will begin at Baywalk, the north end of Roxas Boulevard. As it progresses, CCP director Chris Millado said, "there will be marching bands, *higantes* [giant mascots] dressed as shepherds, carrozas [carriages], lanterns, flutists, singers and dancers guiding Mary and Joseph to the *belen* [Nativity scene]."

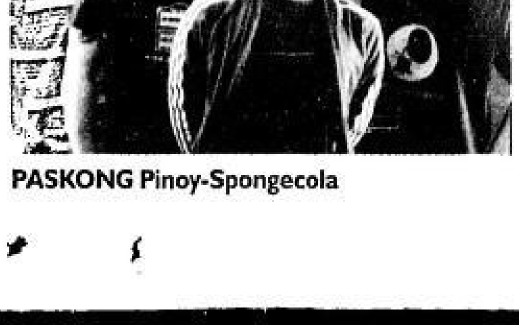
There will be stops and receptions at nearby hotels, the Tanghalang Francisco Balagtas (Folk Arts Theater), and Harbor Square. The grand finale will be held in front of the CCP with a 1,000-voice choir, the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra and PPO Brass Quintet, show bands, dancers, soloists and other artists. This is set for Dec. 18, 6:45 p.m.

"We would like participants to be 30 percent artists and 70 percent from the audience," Millado said.

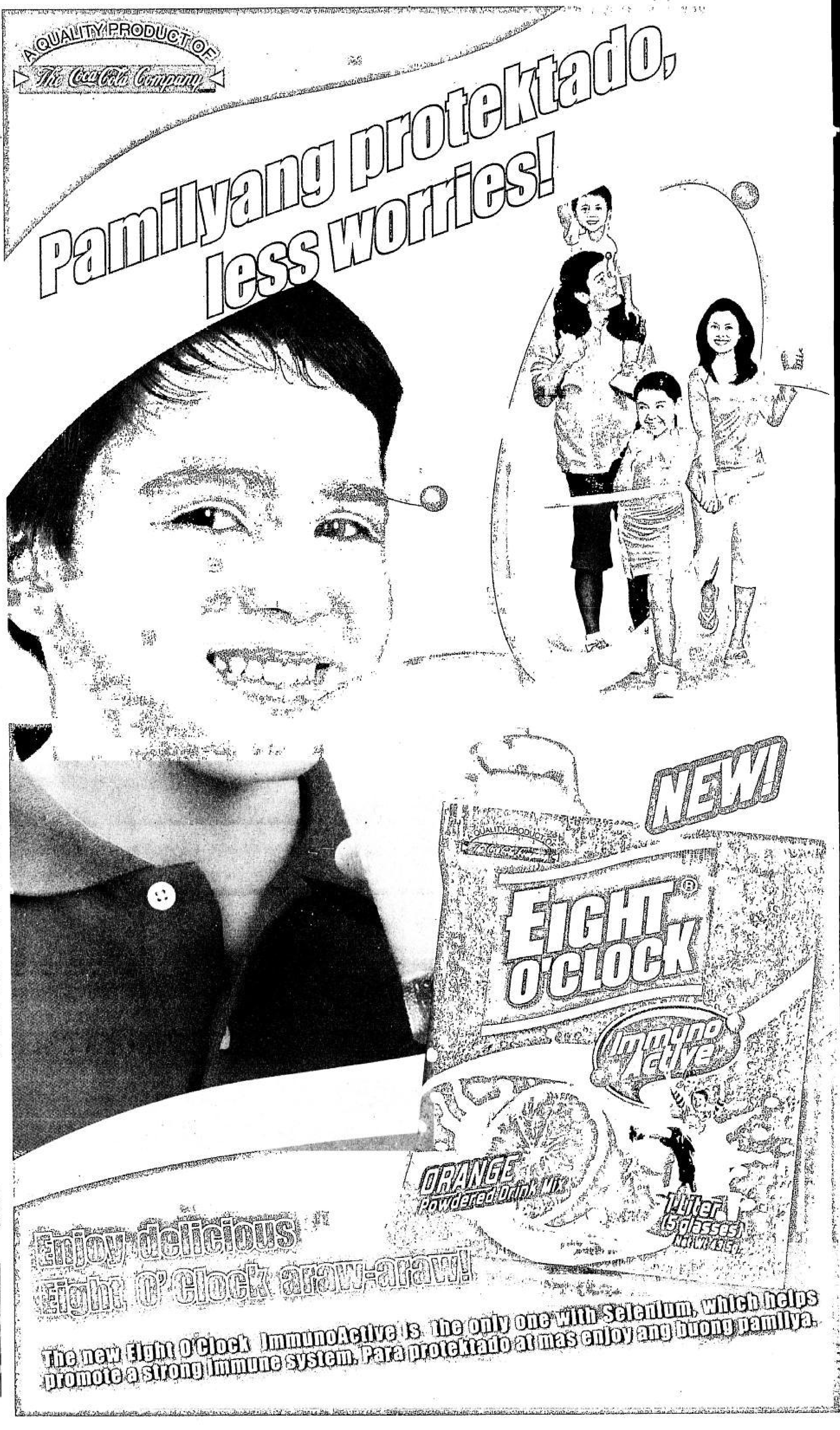
Another key activity during the five-day festivities is a big choral competition among children's choir from many schools and barangays. The opening salvo will actually be held on Dec. 16, to coincide with the start of the Simbang Gabi, with a Baratilyo ng Pasko featuring reasonably priced

GRAND/ D2

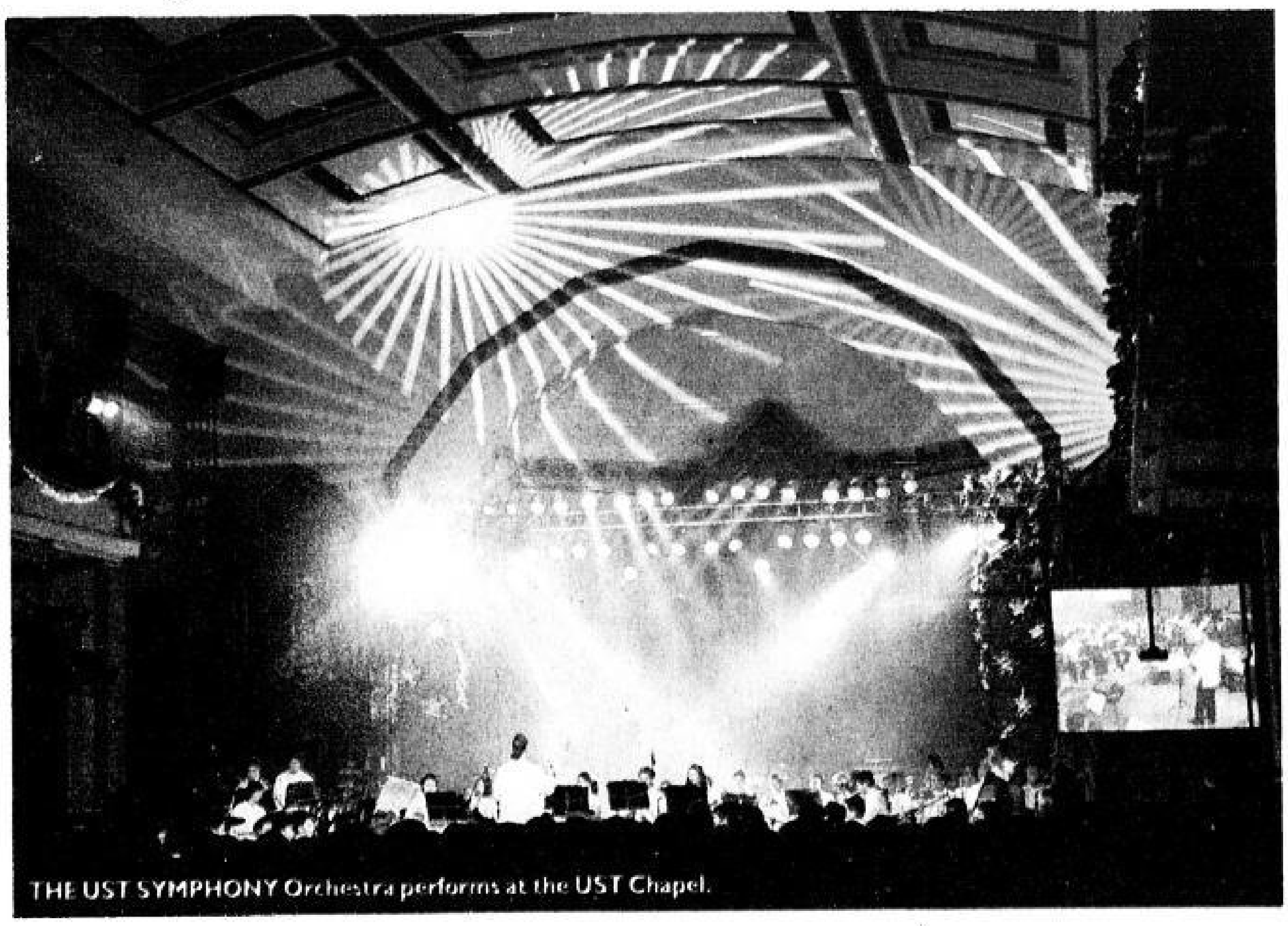
PASKONG Pinoy-Imago



PASKONG Pinoy-Spongecola

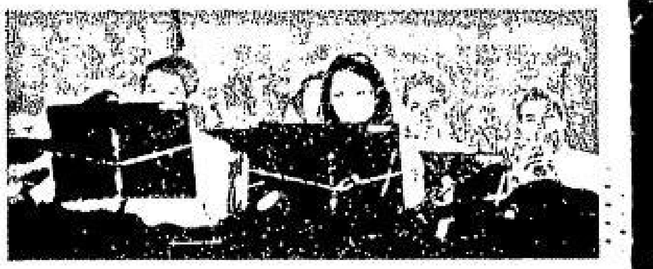


A QUALITY PRODUCT OF
The Coca-Cola Company
Pamilyang protektado,
less worries!
NEW!
EIGHT O'CLOCK
ImmunoActive
ORANGE
Powdered Drink Mix
1 Liter
(5 glasses)
Enjoy delicious
Eight O'Clock araw-araw!
The new Eight O'Clock ImmunoActive is the only one with Selenium, which helps promote a strong immune system. Para protektado at mas enjoy ang buong pamilya.


THE UST SYMPHONY Orchestra performs at the UST Chapel.

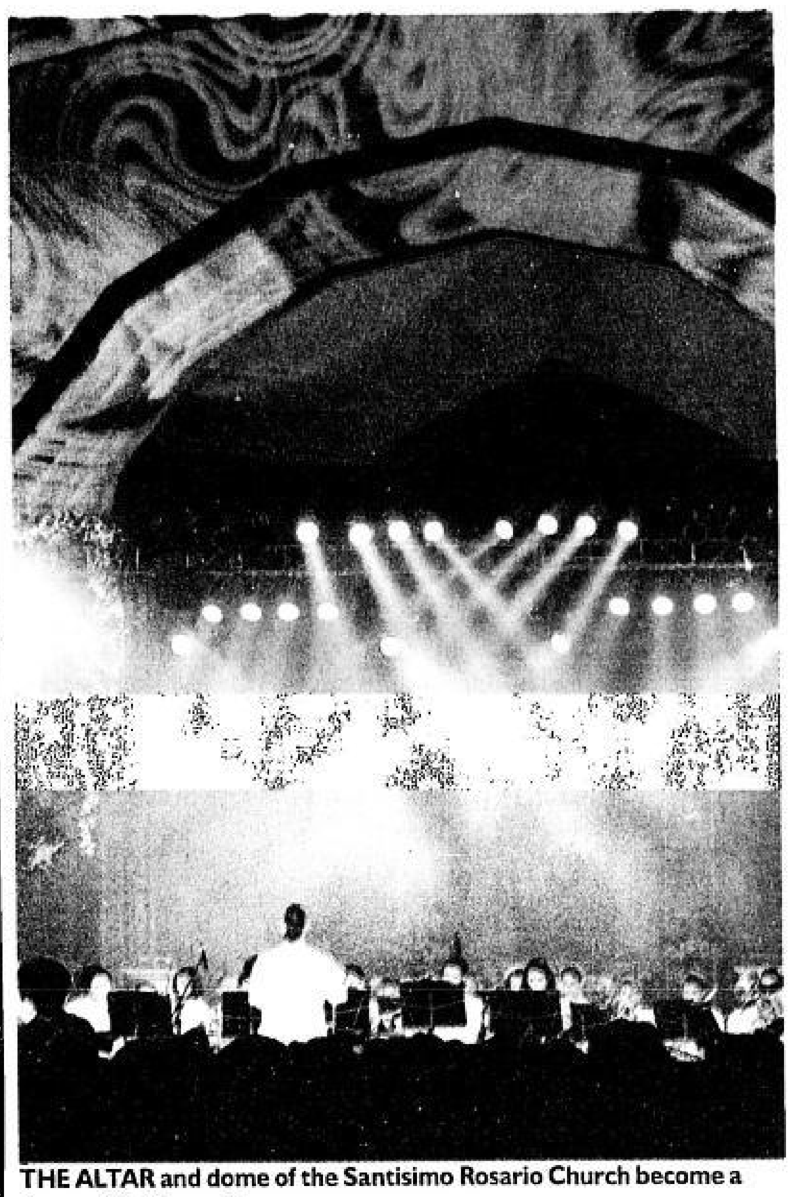
HISTORIC UST Main Bldg. gets bright Christmas grooming. Below, the UST Wind Orchestra.

'Symphony of Carols' featured the UST Symphony Orchestra and UST Singers



UST treats new papal nuncio to classical Christmas concert

By Samuel Raphael Medenilla
Photos by Lorenze Buenaventura


THE ALTAR and dome of the Santisimo Rosario Church become a fresco of lights and images.

CLASSICAL MUSIC EVOKED both the merriment and the solemnity of Christmas as University of Santo Tomas held its annual classical Christmas concert, "Symphony of Carols," at the UST Chapel (Santisimo Rosario Parish Church) over the weekend with the new Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Joseph Edward Adams, among the excited audience.

UST Rector Magnificus Fr. Rolando V. De la Rosa, OP, led UST officials in welcoming the Nuncio and the diplomatic corps.

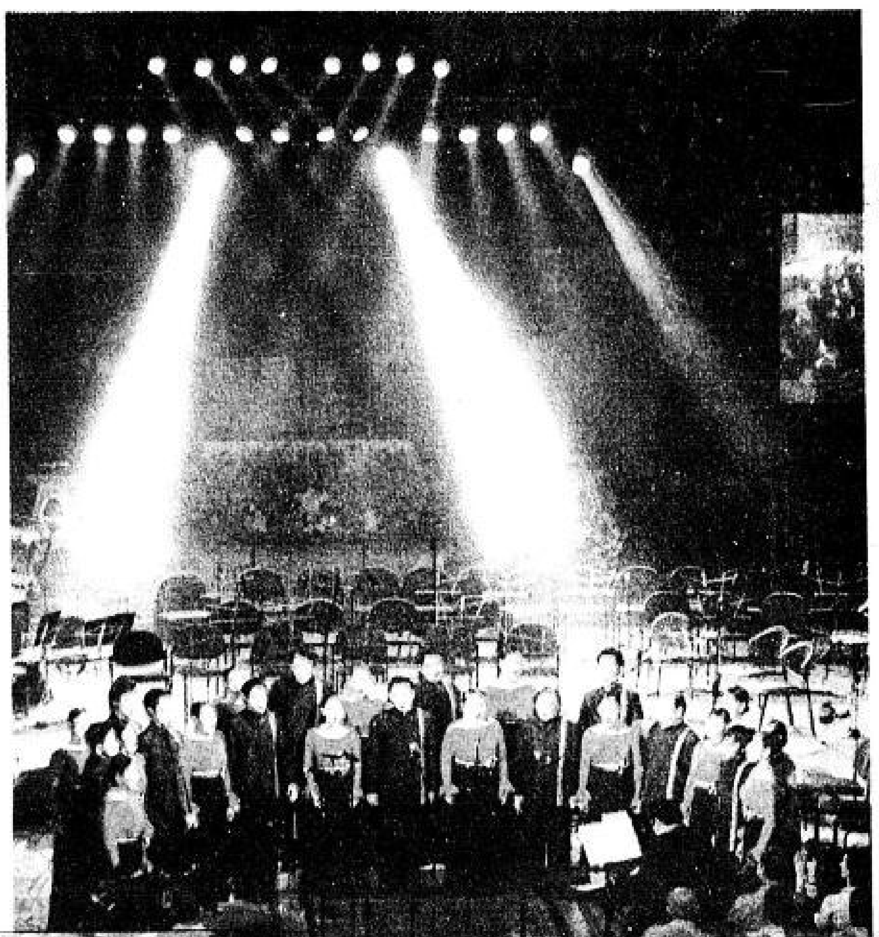
It was a traditional Filipino Christmas with a Thomasian spirit as the concert displayed again the acclaimed musicians, singers and choristers of the Pontifical University, led by the UST Symphony Orchestra under Prof. Hermenigildo Ranera and the much-awarded UST Singers under Prof. Fidel Calalang (both conductors faculty members of the UST Conservatory of Music).Also conducting was Ariel Sta. Ana. Other performers were the UST Wind Orchestra, UST Guitar Quartet, Psalterion, UST Grade School Choir, and Conservatory of Music Chorus.

The musical ensemble serenaded the audience with a medley of classical and modern Christmas carols such as "Pasko Na Sinta Ko," "Kumukutikutitap," "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and 'Joy to the World."

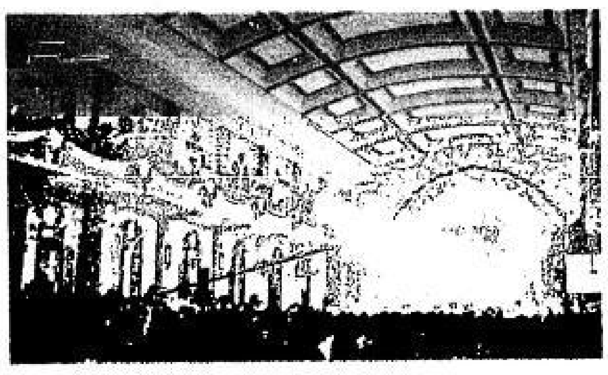
Clarrisa Ocampo, a US-based mezzo soprano, was the featured singer. Maria Meneses and Christian Paul Decamo sang contemporary Christmas songs such as "Happy Christmas (War is Over)," "It's Christmas All over the World," and "Do They Know It's Christmas?"

The concert will be televised as a Christmas special on ABC 5 on Dec. 24, 6 p.m.

PAPAL Nuncio Joseph Edward Adams

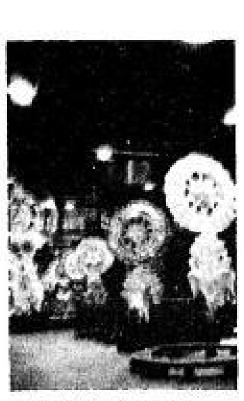

UST SINGERS under choral master Fidel Calalang

HERMENEGILDO Ranera conducts under floodlights


CHAPEL spruced up for the concert.

Grand Panunuluyan to be staged

PAROKYA ni Edgar


TRADITIONAL lanterns

From page D1

gifts, furniture, and indigenous crafts from all over the country.

"Many of the Filipino Christmas traditions are being ignored by the young, like the *parol* [lanterns] and the Panunuluyan," said Jardin. "We want to revive and popularize these, especially among the young." And he added meaningfully: "We need more festive activities, especially with what is going on in our society today."

KAMIKAZE

PASKONG Pinoy will hold a b

Choral concert highlights St. Stephen High School's classical music tradition

From page D4

a fun to see elementary students sing in a novelty beat, without sounding harsh, keeping their vocal lines well-placed and controlled. Even if scored in a contemporary-pop vein, the work retained its religious flavor.

Soloists and narrators did their tasks competently, namely: Gabrielle Pierra Ong, Keena Bernadine Monzon, Chelsi Angel Chua, Joanne Claire Tan, Rianne Kee, and Shan Mica Calijin.

The piece that followed was likewise clothed in a contemporary-pop idiom. Tom S. Long and Allen Pote, who both specialize in religious musicals, composed "Once upon a Parable." This time, selected elementary and preschool students combined choral prowess to essay the work with gratifying results.

MUSICAL pageant relives early history of the Manila Chinese-Filipino school.

As in the Alcala opus, a rock band provided assistance. Narrators included Pamela Suanco, Goodwin Chua, Roxine Lee and Genoel Teng. Soloists included Janine Angelique Juanitas, Jonathan Benette Yu and Jeremiah Ong.

Jerry Dadap's "The Resurrection and Redemption Story," also commissioned for the occasion, capped the concert. This time, symphony orchestral assistance was again enlisted.

The music was powerful and moving, bringing out the essence of the text. The work is coherently knitted with a broad dimension.

"Ama Namin" (Our Father) was a simple supplication that had an unassuming climax, rich and brilliant.

Tenor Conrado "Dondi" Ong III intoned the "Seven Last Words" with convincing integrity. He is gifted with a promising voice and is an opera potential. (I strongly encourage him to get further vocal training to hone his technique).

The chorus is credited for keeping a perfect diction, dishing out the songs in well-articulated pronunciation of the Filipino language.

Film clips were shown as the music unfolded to enhance full appreciation. The choristers wore what looked like a death mask that one would think was inspired by the *moriones*. It was worn opposite the face to perhaps symbolize the Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The piece ended with the glorious "Aleluya," a signature work of Dadap, one of the few remaining composers who write serious music with popular appeal.

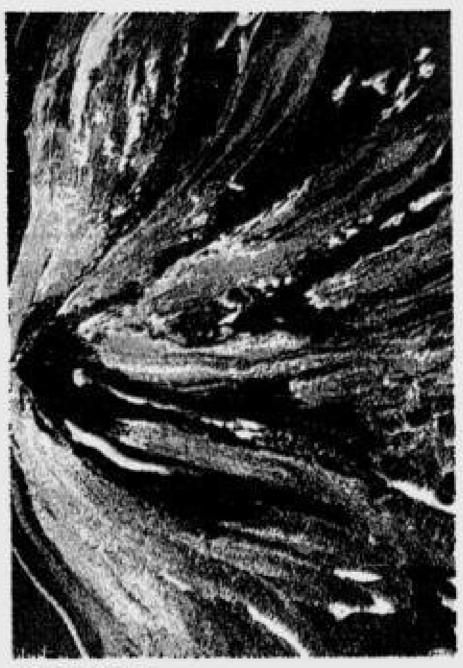
Celia Yu Ong once more asserted her might on the podium. She wielded the baton with authority and capably read the scores with utmost sensitivity.

Definitely, she knows her métier as a choral conductor. We are gladdened she could come on important occasions to direct and conduct choral concerts, and could only hope she could do this more often.

Of course, Chingoy Alonso is a veteran director. Himself a musician and a chorister, his mounting such a production easily yielded outstanding results. Altair Alonso handled the audio-visual production.

Nelson Ang wrote the flowing narrative of the audio-visual presentation, apart from ensuring the success of the production as production manager. Robbie Hayden's choreography was ample. Rudy Bool's costume design displayed sartorial elegance.

All told, the production is a resounding success. We wish St. Stephen High School more success in its continued task of molding both the mind and spirit of its students, indeed a most welcome educational mission.



"SCALLOP"

Baluyut's "Ode to Water"

KARINA BALUYUT'S "ODE TO WATER" is running at the Galerie Raphael in Serendra. "Ode to Water" is Baluyut's third one-man show. It is a new direction taken by the artist in her "Journeys" series.

A board topnotcher in architecture, Baluyut has taken the artist's brush on a full-time basis and undertaken journeys of ancient Asian cities and capitals such as Ankor Wat in Cambodia, Ayutthaya and Bangkok in Thailand, Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, and the ancient Portugese colony of Macau.

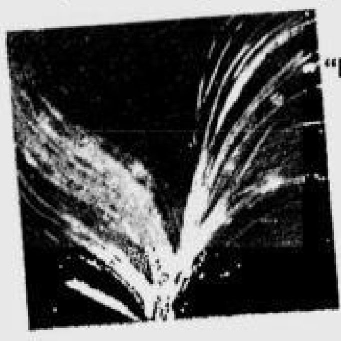
Her current journey has taken her to the world of water, particularly the sea. She now explores what her artist's eye can see in the underwater world. This includes interesting forms and shapes of shells, scallops, corals and other marine life.

For "Ode to the Sea," Baluyut tries to capture the emotions that she feels, pursuing her current interest in deep-sea diving. "These forms and shapes that I see, as well as the emotions that I feel, are what I try to capture in my paintings."

One of the original members of the Guevarra Group of Artists, Baluyut is influenced by Paul Klee, Marc Rothko and other abstract artists.

Her works are products of her own physical, emotional and psychological journeys.

Galerie Raphael is at Unit 2C-06 2/L, The Piazza Serendra Mall, Fort Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City (telefax: 8563034). For more information, visit www.galeriejoaquin.com



"FOUNTAIN"

ig competition among children's choirs.

LG
Life's Good
My love!!!

Add a personal touch to the photos you shoot.

Amazing Camera (amazing phone, too)

All the features you want in a digital camera and a cellphone.

- The only 5.0 megapixel camera certified by Schneider-Kreuznach, with auto and manual focus
- High-speed video recording at 120 frames per second
- Panoramic shot feature
- SmartLight technology for clear pictures outdoors, indoors and at night
- Built-in Image Stabilizer with Direct Hardware Key
- Handwriting Recognition and Editing function to freely edit and enhance captured images
- Muvee™ + Direct Upload to YouTube.com (network dependent feature)
- Full Internet Browsing with Google Package
- Big 3-inch wide LCD touchscreen display
- 3G, HSDPA (3.6 Mbps), WCDMA, Tri-band connectivity
- DivX video playback

Viewty
THE SERIOUS CAMERA PHONE

LG Electronics Philippines
15 F. Legaspi St., Maybunga Pasig City • Tels. 641-4181 to 85 • Fax 640-0460, 642-0226 • Toll Free No. 1-800-10-6402525 (Free provincial calls) • CIC Hotline (02) 640-2525, 0917-8242525, 0920-9002525
www.lgmobile.com

Whole-meat ba ang Christmas Ham mo?

Christmas is a season of sharing, and one favorite gift item that often tops the list during this holiday is ham. But with the abundance of ham products in every grocery store and supermarket, shoppers are puzzled as to which one is the best quality ham that can be enjoyed by the whole family.

A ham expert shares some practical tips on how to choose the real and honest-to-goodness ham that is deserving of the name holiday ham.

Technically speaking, there are two classifications of ham according to meat structure, says ham making expert Amy Cuna. These are the whole-meat ham and the restructured ham.

Cuna says the whole-meat ham is processed using one piece of whole muscle meat. It comes in two basic variants, namely the bone-in, such as the pork leg, and the boneless ham, made up of boneless part of pork.

Restructured ham, on the other hand, is made from lean meat trimmings from several pieces of meat that come from hamleg and shoulder parts of the pork. These trimmings are then processed into hams, which come in two forms.

Molded ham is a type of restructured ham, produced by using molders to form the meat trimmings into specific or desired shape of the finished product. These products include pear-shaped ham, square ham or oblong ham, which followed the same processing method.

Cook-in bag ham, meanwhile, is produced by using special casing for stuffing, shaping, cooking and shipping out of cooked ham.

Buyers, who are familiar with the different types of hams, look for whole-meat ham, which is considered superior over a restructured ham, both in terms of meat ingredient and process.

That is why whole-meat ham is considered the premium or more expensive ham, says Cuna.

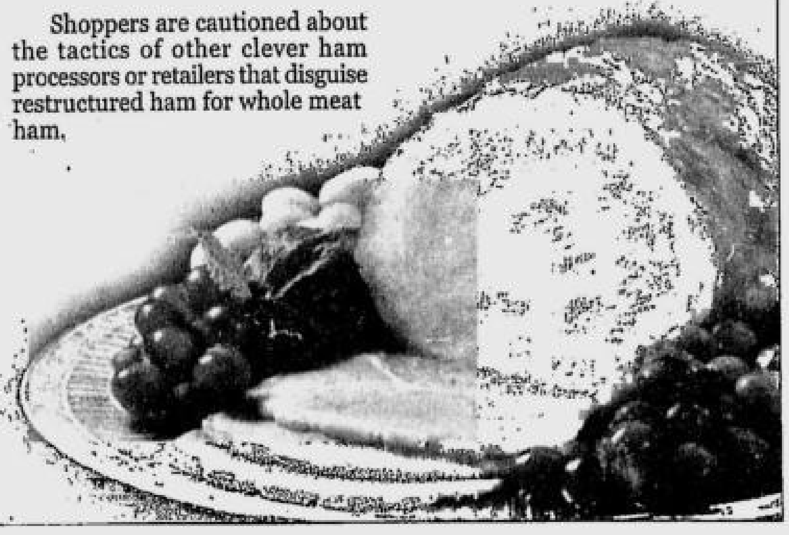
Cuna says ham buyers must be able to distinguish a whole-meat from a restructured ham. "With whole-meat ham, you can see the meat strands. *Makikita mo talaga yung hibla ng karne pag na slice ang hamon.* Whereas sa restructured ham, *pinong pino ang hamon pag na slice,*" she adds.

Take the case of CDO Holiday Whole-Meat Ham, which uses one piece of lean pork leg and undergoes ten-step process to provide that genuine taste of ham. Whole-meat ham is considered as the premium type because of its good looks, lean meat, and savory taste.

The CDO Holiday Whole-Meat Ham is the flagship Christmas ham product of the 32-year-old meat manufacturing company CDO Foodsphere Inc. To sustain the good quality of CDO Holiday Whole-Meat Ham, the company makes sure that all materials, ingredients, and processes used are in accordance with internationally recognized standards.

Shoppers are cautioned about the tactics of other clever ham processors or retailers that disguise restructured ham for whole meat ham.

For more information about whole-meat ham processing, please call 294-1111.



Choral concert highlights St. Stephen High School's classical music tradition

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

ST. STEPHEN HIGH SCHOOL celebrated its 90th foundation year with a choral concert, "Images of Christ," recently at the school's debonaire auditorium. New York-based choral conductor Celia Yu Ong, an alumna of the school, was the music director.

The concert featured four choral cantatas that highlighted Jesus Christ's Birth, His miracles, parables, and Death that redeemed mankind. The concert afforded a timely moment of meditative reflection; indeed, a solemn thanksgiving for all the glorious nine decades of dedicated education pursued by the school whose foundation rests solidly on Christ.

Considered the first Christian Chinese high school in Luzon, St. Stephen High School has now become an important educational landmark on Masangkay Street in Manila. From graduating only eight girls in its early operation, it now counts some 34,000 alumni on its roster.

CONCERT celebrates St. Stephen High School's 90th anniversary.

Judy Tan Go, the school's officer in charge, in her opening remarks said this achievement would not have been possible without the generous support of its administrators, faculty and staff, benefactors, alumni, and generous friends.

Fine choral singing is an attribute of the school. One recalls how its choir, conducted by Ong, garnered the grand prize in the 1976 Himig ng Lahi choral contest.

The program involved a preschool choir, Angelic Voices, composed of preschool pupils; a children's choir, Elementary Chorale, composed of elementary pupils; a youth choir, Stephenian Chorale, composed of high-school students and alumni; and Adult Choir, made up of selected alumni, faculty and staff.

The trainers, the school's resident choirs' conductors, Patricia Lim, Melody Sia and Aileen Go, are credited for the fine choral production in terms of correct vocal placement that produced pleasing and relaxed warm tones, an utmost musicality.

The opening number, "Emmanuel: The Birth of Christ," composed by Huang Chen Mou, appropriately set the mood. The music flowed gently in a hymn-like fashion that sparked with sublime greatness: quiet, meditative and sincere. The orchestration was full and imaginative, ably played by the SSHS 10th Anniversary Festival Orchestra.

Tonal balancing was tightly secured, and vocal intonation was impeccably secured. Tiu Pei Suan ably provided the narration, and soloist Erwin Lim intoned a rich bass-baritone. The choir was composed of selected high-school students and alumni.

Nilo B. Alcala's "Miracles of Jesus" provided an attractive, lively contrast. His work, commissioned for the occasion, perked with a contemporary gentle beat. It was such

CHORAL/D2

Wise tips to beat ... mas ... rush

Christmas is a time for merrymaking and lots o
but it's a
the most
times of
The endle
list, the
buying g
anxiety
crowded
all con
create st
life. T
before
the r
gettin
regist
read
help
you
hol
su
Chris

ing. This way,
can shop
relaxed and
turbed. What's
e, salespeople
friendlier and
can give you
vided attention
n they don't
e a huge crowd
andle.

me early if u're shopping

le to
ends,
to go
first
ning.
avoid
have
your

ality

oved
ends
they
by
uality
will
iate.
able

Create a Christmas budg

For many of us, t
after-effects
Christmas inclu
huge credit ca
bills that can ta
many months
settle. But Christ
doesn't need to b
pain in the pock
you plan ahead
early as you
create a ro
budget of antici
Christmas c
Include in
budget all the
you're planni
buy, plus "hidden expenses such as unexpected gifts and overseas

to it as much as possible. It will also help if you set a limit on the costs of

to avoid the frenzy, shop during weekdays, preferably in the

items that will remind them of your love throughout the year.

TO DO:
- finish X'mas shopping
- Look for party costume!!!
- Wine for X'mas party
- Go to the bank

Because we know you need more time this holiday season, over 800 **BPI, BPI Family Savings Bank** and **BPI Express branches** nationwide will be open until 5 p.m. to serve your banking needs.

BPI We'll take you farther.
Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Maximum Deposit Insurance for Each Depositor P250,000.00.

X-mas & New Year's PROMO
Up to 70% OFF
For selected items of ROCA fixtures, baths & accessories

Living in Style
YOUR COMPLETE HOME FURNISHING CENTER

MAKATI MAIN SHOWROOM
#2246 Don Chino Roces Avenue,
Makati City 1200
Tel No.: (02) 812-1916 / 812-6777
(02) 812-8078 / 812-8077
Fax No.: (02) 752-0236

Roca

Seasons Greetings!

From Dec. 7, 2007 to Jan. 31, 2008
DTI-NCR Permit No. A2-549, Series of 2007

CEBU OVERSEA HARDWARE CO., INC.
COH
50 Years Onward

RULE # 7
NEVER KISS AND TELL
ALWAYS SLIDE SMOOTH.
STRIKE STRONG.
San Miguel STRONG ICE
DRINK MODERATELY

DANNY SEIGLE FOR SAN MIG STRONG ICE

B'LAAN woman playing native guitar

B'LAAN blouse

B'laan's moveable feast

By Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

A FEW YEARS AGO, SARANGANI, the southernmost province in mainland Mindanao, near General Santos City, was emerging as an ecotourist destination. And there was talk that the US, which had invested a lot in the area, wanted a secret military base there.

I recall the marvelous blue skies of the province and the showpiece that is Sarangani Bay with its deep harbor, clear waters, unspoiled beaches, coves, and marine life. In one ranch high up, overlooking the bay, the cattle would obediently go back to their pens at dusk.

In the mountains of Sarangani live the B'laan, an indigenous ethno-linguistic group who are, as one spokesman put it, "as distinct from their neighboring Bagobo and T'boli as the Tagalog are from the Kapampangan or the Ilonggo are from the Waray."

And in the village of Lamlifew, in a hilly sitio in the town of Malungon, Sarangani, will soon rise what is envisioned as a Lamlifew Village Museum. At the moment, however, it is an empty thatch and bamboo structure larger than the huts of the B'laan-speaking community,in Lamlifew.

On Dec. 3, the "Lamlifew Village Museum" was launched with an exhibit at the fourth floor of the National Museum (Museum of the Filipino People) in Manila. The ribbon was cut by National Museum Director Corazon Alvina, curator Constance de Monbrison (of Paris), and Sarangani Governor Miguel Dominguez.

There were seven B'laan residents of Sarangani who were special guests, and who charmed the large audience with their chants, hip-swaying dances, and music.

These were Maribeth Farnazo, Helen Lumbos and her mother Herminda Lacna, Rosalinda Bansilan, Renato Salway, and Edcel Pontong. Farnazo, Lumbos and Lacna founded the Lamlifew Tribal Women's Association and initiated the museum project. Bansilan heads a group of mat weavers, Salway is an upland rice farmer, and Pontong works with Sarangani's Indigenous People's Development Program.

Modest but instructive

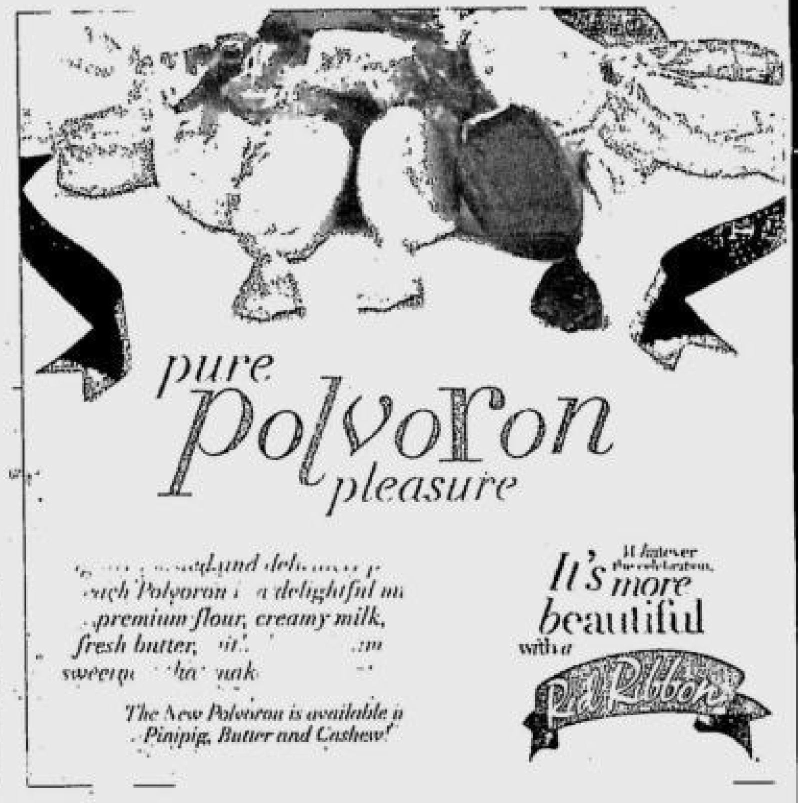
The exhibit is modest in scale, and includes mounted texts and caption stories dealing with B'laan life and culture, with emphasis on upland rice agriculture. There are photos of spear-wielding hunters and women with distinct hairstyles, and exquisite ikat-dyed cloth, beadwork, and mother-of pearl work which fetch an exorbitant price in the antiques market.

Like Hemingway's Paris, the B'laan exhibit is a moveable feast. The expensive antiques belong to private collectors and will be returned to them in a few days. "It is important to note that the younger B'laan of Lamlifew have not seen these materials," says writer-curator Marian Pastor Roces. On the other hand, the photos and initial texts prepared for the Manila launch will be shipped to Lamlifew, and will form a nucleus for the Village Museum.

These will be the focus of discussions and narrations ("and perhaps singing," adds Roces) among the villagers, and data will be compiled from within the community, and at their own pace.

As one understands it, the project will help the B'laan of Lamlifew preserve and relearn their dying arts and traditions and, in the process, help bridge the gap among the B'laan generations.

B'LAAN blouse and mother-of-pearl


pure
Polvoron
pleasure
It's more beautiful with a Red Ribbon
Whatever the celebration,

[illegible] and deli[illegible]
each Polvoron is a delightful m[illegible]
premium flour, creamy milk,
fresh butter, [illegible]
[illegible]

The New Polvoron is available in
Pinipig, Butter and Cashew!

SAMSUNG mobile
PIXEL PERFECT
St.
MEET 5 ELITE MOBILE PHONE PHOTOGRAPHERS

imagine the streets of Manila through the eyes of 5 professional photographers

Using the G600 5 Mega Pixel camera phone, 5 different visions will explode at the Pixel Perfect digital gallery.

See their Pixel Perfect snapshots at the 2nd floor (in front of Sentro) and 3rd floor, Fun Dining Area (near National Sports Grill); Greenbelt 3. It's all happening from December 6-11, 2007. With Samsung, it's not that hard to imagine.

SAMSUNG

Raising the level of onlin

By Raquel P. Gomez

THE CURRENT BOOM IN ONLINE GAMING in the country credits its existence and expansion to Level. Up!, the very first online game publisher in the Philippines which introduced the so called MMOGs or massively multiplayer online games six years ago.

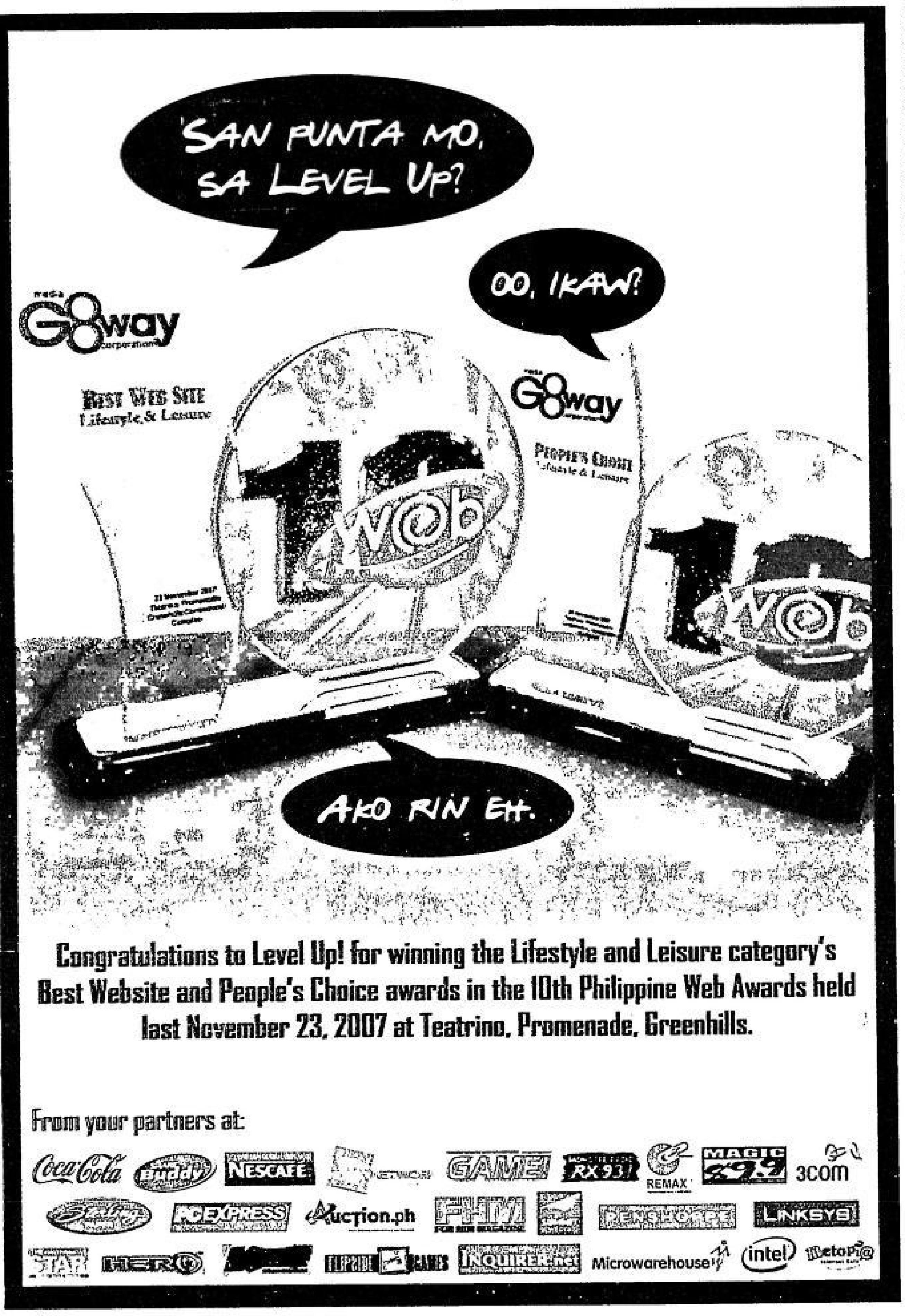
Level Up! is currently the leading online game publisher which provides online games to 7.3 million Filipino gamers registered at its website with online games usage by these gamers peaking up to 40 million.

Level Up! has dedicated reach to 8,800 internet cafes and the number of i-cafes accessing Levelupgames.com continue to increase. Four Level Up! multiplayer online role playing games (MMORPGs) are the most played online, led by Ragnarok, with Perfect World, RF Online and Flyff behind it.

Every year Level Up! hosts the biggest gathering of online gamers in the country, where attendees number to thousands to witness, enjoy and compete in online games. The company also expanded to India and Brazil, bringing its MMORPGs to the youth market of these countries.

Indeed, with Level Up!'s efforts and the contribution of the relatively young online gaming industry, a big community has already been created and a new market, which is the young generation, has been exclusively captured.

Ben Colayco, Level Up! chief operating officer credits the boom not only to the pioneering efforts of his company to bring online games here, but also to the


'SAN PUNTA MO, SA LEVEL UP?
OO, IKAW?
AKO RIN EH.
G8way
BEST WEB SITE
Lifestyle & Leisure
G8way
PEOPLE'S CHOICE
Lifestyle & Leisure
10 web

Congratulations to Level Up! for winning the Lifestyle and Leisure category's Best Website and People's Choice awards in the 10th Philippine Web Awards held last November 23, 2007 at Teatrino, Promenade, Greenhills.

From your partners at:

BEN Colayco, Level Up! chief operating officer

'GAMEBOSS' Colayco during his presentation about Advergaming

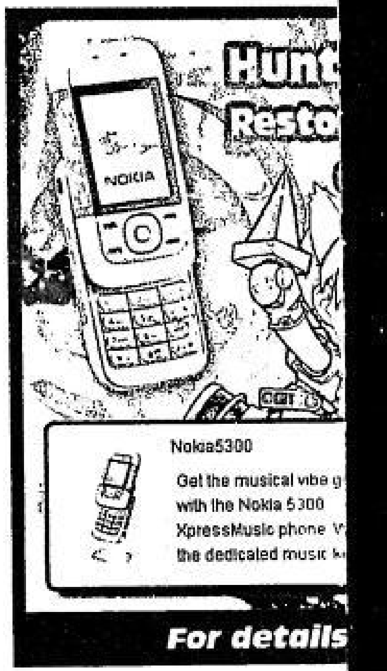
Total ga
anywhe

LEVEL UP! MOBILE IS
vice offered by Level Up!
tion with Smart Communic

This revolutionary
gamers to manage thei
counts through their cellph

Gamers can either choo
load the Level Up! Mobile
the-air by texting LEVELUP
by getting the Level Up
with the built-in Mobile M

By linking their mobile
their MyLevel Up! accoun
get instant access to vario
management features like
lock Game Accounts, Ch
word, and Balance Inquiry


Hunt
Resto
NOKIA
Nokia5300
Get the musical vibe g
with the Nokia 5300
XpressMusic phone V
the dedicated music k
For details

Level Up!
LIVE
2007
LOGGED & LOADED
Congratulation
Level Up! Live, the

LEVEL UP!
levelupgames.ph

SMART
THE POWER TO LEAD

intel

PLDT myDSL
Hi - Velocity Broadband Internet

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

e gaming in the country

reliable and secure infrastructure the company has established and the overall encouraging atmosphere of increasing broadband Internet penetration in households and new businesses.

He says online gaming community continues to increase and businesses can expand their reach to this growing community and captured market through "advergaming." The concept of advergaming, which Colayco presented in the recent Advertising Congress in Subic, details the incorporation of brand signage inside the world of the MMORPGs.

For example, a vending machine carrying a logo of a drink product can be found by the game character played by the online gamer and upon drinking the product, he or she can have super powers. Other advergaming concept includes the inclusion of a store where online gamers can buy attire or gear with brand logos and these can make their characters stronger.

"We brought the online gaming concept here in the Philippines and because of that we've been able to create a leadership position in the country," says Colayco.

"Online gaming community is really big and we have penetrated this big number. So we are now trying to tell people of the benefits of advergaming," says Colayco. "It's really kinda cool."

Colayco says FHM magazine has tied up with them for the advergaming concept. One issue of FHM came with a Level Up! Cd that carries a special code which users can use in the Level Up! website to access a store that provide attire and gears for the characters.

To make playing online games more convenient and secure to gamers, Level Up! has tied up with Smart to help users secure their passwords in their cellphones and also to make them play at any Internet place using Smart loads instead of scratch cards. Level Up! will also introduce the VIP customer support, which can be accessed through text messaging.

Colayco says online gaming is here to stay and will continually influence and cater to the lives of the young generation.

"When you play online games for just P15 an hour, you can totally escape your real world and excel and be confident in the character you're playing. Not everybody is a good singer or dancer, but playing online games boosts ones confidence or ego."

mer access anytime, re with Level Up! Mobile

EW SER-
s coopera-
tions.
ce allows
game ac-
nes.
to down-
enu over-
to 299 or
mer SIM
u.
phones to
gamers
account
ok or Un-
nge Pass-

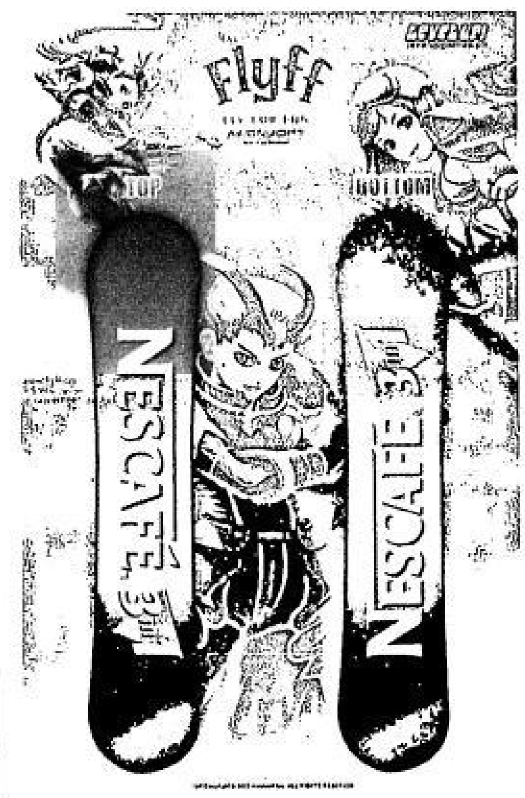
Those that enjoy jazzing up their phones can also look forward to obtaining exclusive wallpapers, ringtones and MMS pictures of their favorite Level Up! games. These are themed according to all games from Level Up! and gamers simply have to choose which ones they liked best.

Only gamers who are subscribers to Smart Buddy and Talk & Text may avail of this unique service by texting LEVELUP 299.

The Level Up! Mobile Menu is a brainchild of Level Up! Philippines, a subsidiary of ePLDT and the country's first and biggest online game publisher, and Smart Telecommuncation, the leading telecommunictions provider. Among Level Up!'s portfolio of hit games like Ragnarok Online, the country's first MMORPG, RF Online, Freestyle Online, Oz World, Khan Online, Flyff Online, Pangya Online, Silkroad Online and Perfect World.

For more information, please visit the official Level Up! Mobile website: http://mobile.levelupgames.ph

for Nokia 5300s!
re the Spirit of Music
and win Prizes!
visit www.ragnarok.ph


Flyff
TOP
BOTTOM
NESCAFÉ 3in1
NESCAFÉ 3in1

Thank you Level Up!
for giving us a whole new world
to advertise in.

Coca-Cola Basketball
+10 to accuracy in advertising
Nescafé Airboard
Ability: Advertise from above
Nokia5300
Coca-Cola
NESCAFÉ
FHM
FHM
FHM Tank Tops
Bonus +35% market exposure
3in1 Jersey
Ability: +20% revenue

From your friends at:
NESCAFÉ Coca-Cola SUMMIT MEDIA THE NEW ORDER
FLIPSIDE GAMES Auction.ph FHM FOR HIM MAGAZINE

SEEING IS BELIEVING
s to Level Up! for 4 successful years with
biggest online game event in the Philippines!

NESCAFÉ PC EXPRESS REMAX® Partnership that EMPOWERS Polaroid r-sun www.rsun.com.ph netopia internet café LINKSYS GAME! gamemagazine.ph 3COM

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Condensed 'Swan Lake' reenergizes ballet staple

By Elka Krystle R. Requinta
Contributor

LISA Macuja-Elizalde is Odette/Odile and guest artist Maxim Chashchegorov is the dashing Sigfried.

STAGING THE DEMANDING "Swan Lake" for the nth time, Ballet Manila seemed to have found the formula to make tired audiences appreciate anew the traditional ballet fare.

Ballet Manila's condensed version is that of their longtime Russian guest choreographer Sergey Vikulov. It was patterned after the Marius Petipa/Lev Ivanov choreography first shown in 1895 by the internationally acclaimed Maryinsky Ballet (Kirov) at St. Petersburg, where Vikulov is ballet master.

The highlights are stylishly maintained, but Vikulov resurrects the original tragic ending: Prince Sigfried and Odette committing suicide (sensitive eyes would prefer "lovers reunite after death in apotheosis")—and manages to artfully illustrate it (the lovers ride on a crane going upward while sprinkling sparkly star-shaped confetti), to the delight of the young audience.

The usual Odette/Odile would be tall and long-limbed to easily relate her with a swan's graceful long neck and big movements.

"Ballerina of the masses" Lisa Macuja-Elizalde may not have the preferred body type for the role, but she was able to embody the exhausting (and excruciating?) dual roles Odette/Odile well, complete with 32-plus *fouettés en tournant* she whipped out in the *grand pas*.

ONE of the virtuoso passion scenes in "Swan Lake"

Macuja-Elizalde successfully gave off the illusion of length—all while staying sharp (and looking younger!) in her movements. It was as if the prerecorded Tchaikovsky music was the one dancing to her tune.

She showed dramatic sensitivity throughout: a tragic swan princess as Odette in Acts 2 and 4 and an aggressive evil temptress as the impostor Odile in Act 3.

It was apparent, though, that she was trying to support herself in some scenes. It seemed her dashing Sigfried, guest artist Maxim Chashchegorov, had inadequate partnering skills.

Nevertheless, the towering 24-year-old Russian with piercing blue eyes shone in his solos, vacuuming people's attention to his light and easy grace, virtuoso jumps, and princely demeanor.

Alternating as Odette/Odile are Mylene Aggabao and Marian Faustino, while Rudy de Dios and Nazer Salgado dance as Sigfried.

The synchronized swan corps glowed in white tutus. Popular ballet studio owner Perry Sevidal reportedly described them as "[photocopy] machines."

The well-stretched extensions, height of jumps, even the languid tempo of their *port de bras* were so in sync and awe-inspiring that it was quite difficult to ignore their contribution to the success of the production.

Ballet Manila's 12th season continues with "Pinocchio" on Dec. 14-16, and "Le Corsaire" on Feb. 15-17, 22-24.

New works from PBT

Philippine Ballet Theater's resurrected variety showcase, "Palikhayaw (Paglikha ng Sayaw)" at the CCP Main Theater, is no stringent "Giselle," much less a "Swan Lake."

But the pomp and bombastic display of brio and skill from the dancers is welcome, as well as the introduction of highly entertaining pieces by young choreographers.

Paul Morales' "Mariposa Pictures" was a crowd-pleaser. Its hilariously endearing reference to the coy romantic Filipino couple from the classic Pinoy black-and-white films in the '50s and '60s films warmed the chilly theater on opening night.

Brezhnev Larlar's "Movements" was provocative. Scantily all-black-clad women and guys wearing shredded denim pants is nothing new, but the clash of the traditional (ballet barre and pointe shoes) and unconventional concept (aka free movement) was given a new take and a very mature interpretation.

The dancers, most of whom are minors from Body Pointe Ballet Center and Teatro de Baile de Cavite, are made to look like professionals by Larlar, who is artistic director of both schools. The boys and girls are very effusive in affecting strength, skillfully—and aggressively—using the barre to their advantage.

One predicts that these gifted young artists will surely be in major ballet companies soon.

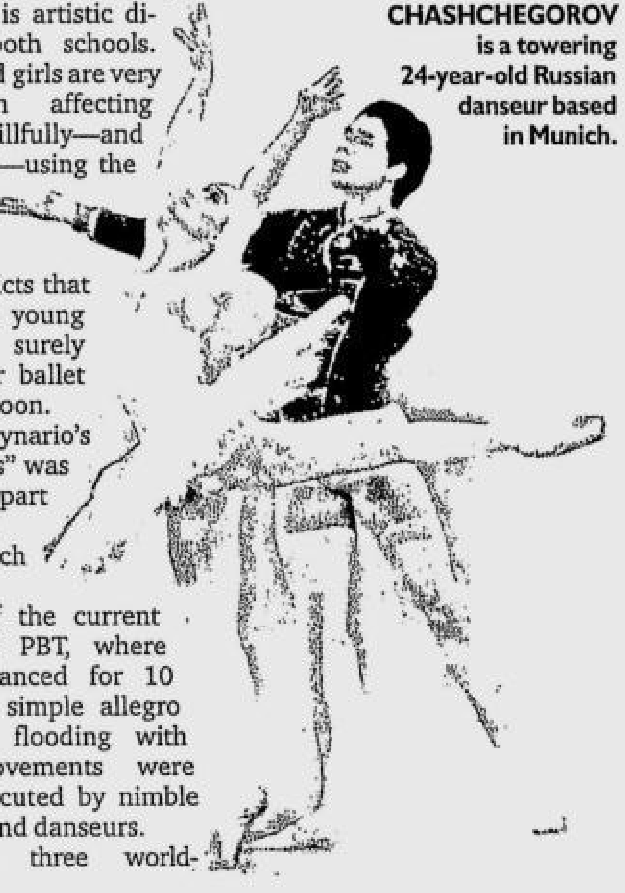
Ronilo Jaynario's "Tres Bravos" was a three-part neoclassical piece which generally showed off the current dancers of PBT, where Jaynario danced for 10 years. The simple allegro steps and flooding with canon movements were cleanly executed by nimble ballerinas and danseurs.

Of the three world-renowned tenors who accompanied Stanley Cañete's nostalgic "Opera & Ballet," Luciano Pavarotti seemed to have gotten more spotlight, owing, of course, to the singer's recent demise.

Cañete, faculty member of Pink Toes Dance School, was successful in recreating the romance of Paris without the full moon. And the dancers, dressed in what seemed like "blinged-up" nightgowns, executed flowing movements that were anything but slumberous.

PBT's artistic director Gener Caringal provided that night an opening breather from "all things young" with "Likha."

Inspired by the Philippine folk tale "Malakas at Maganda," Caringal's big tribal movements emphasized lines and contours and gave off an ethnic vibe that was further emphasized through songs by the University of the East Chorale.


CHASHCHEGOROV is a towering 24-year-old Russian danseur based in Munich.

You always find the way to my heart.

Red Ribbon Bakeshop comes up with another new delectable treat to surely win your heart --The Chicken Lollipops Red Meal Deals! Chunky, crispy and so tender in every bite. Enjoy Chicken Lollipops in any of our three awesome choices: with Rice, Spaghetti or Creamy Carbonara. The kids and kids-at-heart will definitely love it!.

Bring home the new Chicken Lollipops 20-piece Bucket-to-Go, that's perfect for any gathering!

It's more beautiful with a Red Ribbon®

Double Your Luck!
"MARITES ALLEN'S FENG SHUI WAYS TO WIN-Part 2"
World of Feng Shui
FENG SHUI TRIVIA
TRIVIA 9 Which animal is considered the most generous of all signs in the Chinese zodiac?
ANS: a)Pig b)Ram c)Dog d)Rat
To join, SMART and GLOBE/SUN subscribers simply have to submit a one-time registration by keying in THESS REG <name/address/age/gender> (Ex. THESS REG Dona Sy/Gold St., Marikina City/27/F) and send it to 2881. To answer, Send THESS <letter> to 2881
Yesterday's answer c)Dragon
For registration on January 11, 2008
"Marites Allen Philippines 2008 Feng Shui Extravaganza Updates YEAR OF THE EARTH RAT"
WOFS HOTLINE • 914 7888 • 412 6888 • 0920 9509390
Watch out every FRIDAY at INQUIRER for the announcement of the weekly winners
Per DTI-NCR series no. 4285 of 2007. Promo Period: Dec. 3, 2007 to Jan. 7, 2008

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
F1
LIFESTYLE
For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph
Website: www.inquirer.net/lifestyle.
Text us your feedback:
inquirer life name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

UPPERLIP Hair
Zap it with LaserLight!
Call Facial Care at 892-SKIN (7546)

The Aranetas in Philippine history

Santiago's book is entitled "Araneta: A Love Affair with God and Country." Their love affair with the country is obvious. They valued everything Philippine: Philippine culture, Philippine arts, Philippine history, Philippine languages

By Miguel A. Bernad S.J.
Contributor

REVIEW

WHEN AGUINALDO formed his first cabinet as President of the newly declared (but short-lived) Philippine Republic, one of the members of the cabinet was Gregorio Araneta as secretary (or minister) of justice. Decades later, when Magsaysay became President, his cabinet included three sons of Gregorio Araneta. The three were Salvador for agriculture, Antonio for finance and Vicente as head of a development-related agency, ACCFA.

That is an interesting coincidence that illustrates two things: first, the prominence that the Araneta family had achieved, and second, the dedication to national and civic affairs that the Aranetas have always shown.

A coffee-table type of book has just been published about the Araneta family (or part of it) written by a member of that family, Maria Lina Araneta Santiago, a daughter of Salvador and a granddaughter of Gregorio Araneta. We shall refer to it as the Santiago book.

The Aranetas trace their origin to a government functionary during the Spanish regime assigned to Zamboanga. He had two sons, hence the two branches of the family. One branch settled in Negros, a prominent member of whom was General Juan Araneta who played a leading role in the establishment of the short-lived independent Negros Republic. Gregorio belonged to the branch that settled in Molo, Iloilo and later lived on R. Hidalgo Street in Quiapo, Manila. At the age of 11, he was enrolled at the Ateneo de Manila where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors and then studied law at Santo Tomas. As a young lawyer he worked in one of the more prominent law firms. By the time of the Malolos Congress his legal skill must have been well known, hence his appointment to the cabinet with the justice portfolio. Disagreement with Mabini's ideas led to the abolition of his cabinet position. Disillusioned over the intrigues of the Aguinaldo government, he decided that the people's welfare lay not in revolution but in the acceptance of the American regime as an accomplished fact. In that government he served as solicitor general, later as attorney general and finally as the first Filipino member of the Philippine Commission that governed the country.

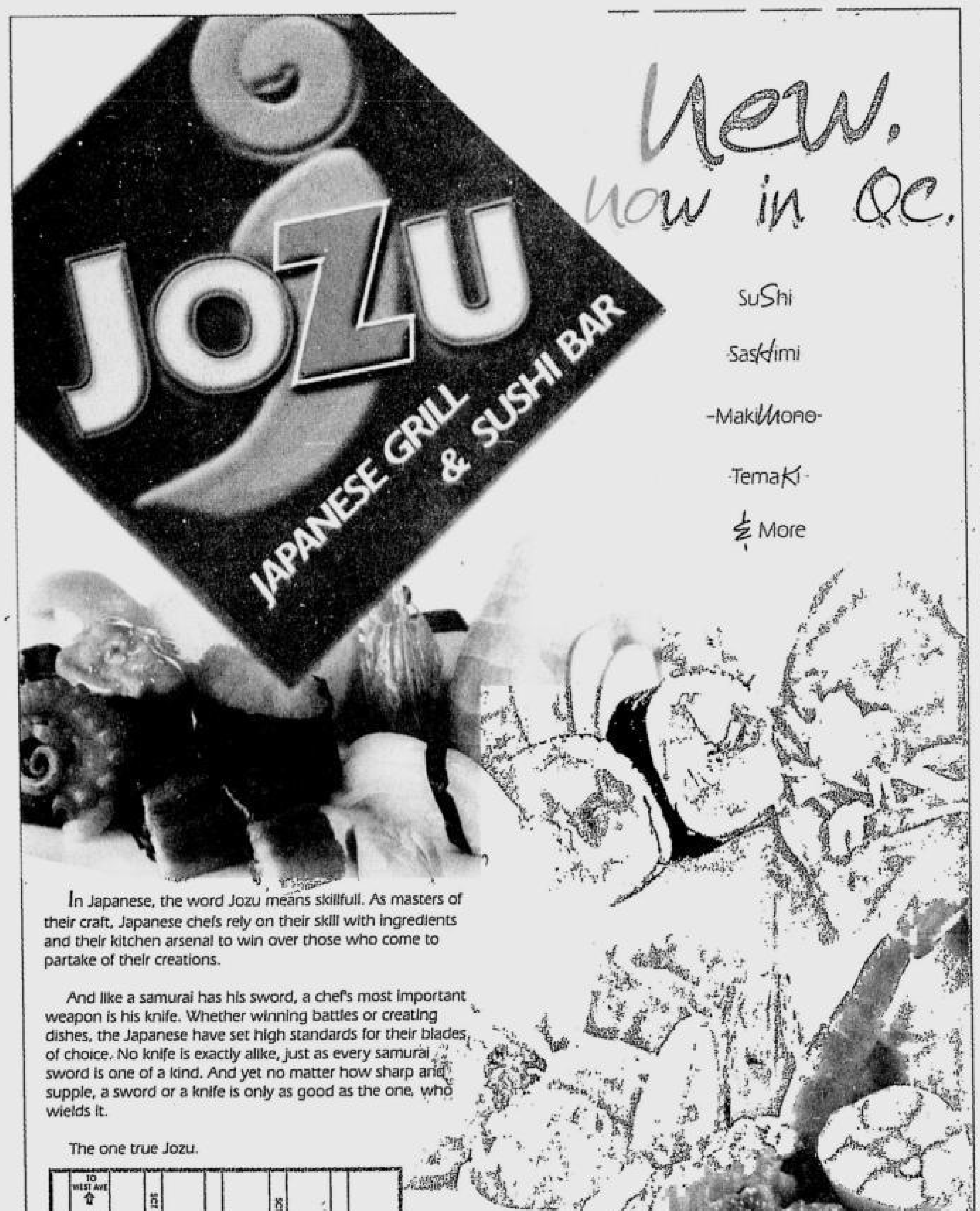
Gregorio and his wife, Carmen Zaragoza, had many children. It would have been helpful if the Santiago book had given a clearer and more complete enumeration of the entire family. As it is, several members are never mentioned and we are left guessing as to the number. In the case of the women, it would have helped to mention their husbands.

The oldest son was killed by the Japanese early in the Japanese Occupation of the Philippines. Salvador, like his father, became a lawyer, with the added advantage of an extra year's study at the Harvard Law School. He became a prominent member of the Constitutional Convention that drafted

THE ARANETAS/ F2

SOON TO OPEN! Quezon Ave. and Timog Branches
Pamper your skin... for less
Diamond Peel + Vitamin C Ionotherapy P700
IV Glutathione, 3 sessions P5,000
Sclerotherapy, 4 sessions Varicose and Spider Veins Removal P5,000
Hair Removal, 4 sessions Underarms or Bikini Line P7,500
ThermaFirme, 8 sessions P15,000
Until December 19, 2007
Per DTI-NCR Permit No 4749, series of 2007
ROBINSONS MIDTOWN Tel. 567-1968 / 0928-2513378
GREENHILLS Tel. 722-9123, 722-9810/ 0922 - 8463482
BINONDO Tel. 244 - 8714, 244-6888 / 0906 - 3456111
ALABANG Tel. 842-8484, 796-7979/ 0922 - 8080716
MAKATI BEL - AIR Tel. 751-6140 / 0917 - 9649828
SM FAIRVIEW Tel. 939 - 1105 / 0906 - 4765304
GODIVA Skin Station

WHAT'S ON AT ROBINSONS
Relive the 80's with this star as he promotes his new album.
RAYMOND LAUCHENGCO
ROBINSONS Malls
www.robinsonsmalls.com
raymond lauchengco
full circle
THE BIG BAND ALBUM

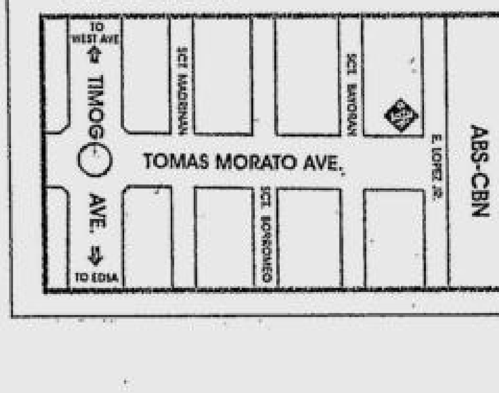


New. now in QC.
SuShi
SasHimi
-MakiMono-
TemaKi
& More

In Japanese, the word Jozu means skillfull. As masters of their craft, Japanese chefs rely on their skill with ingredients and their kitchen arsenal to win over those who come to partake of their creations.

And like a samurai has his sword, a chef's most important weapon is his knife. Whether winning battles or creating dishes, the Japanese have set high standards for their blades of choice. No knife is exactly alike, just as every samurai sword is one of a kind. And yet no matter how sharp and supple, a sword or a knife is only as good as the one who wields it.

The one true Jozu.



OPEN TILL 2AM MONDAY TO THURSDAY • 4AM FRIDAY TO SATURDAY • 10 PM SUNDAY
233 TOMAS MORATO cor E. LOPEZ JR. ST. near ABS-CBN Cmpd., Q. C.
TEL. 376-6351 • 376-6352

From: Carla
Ges hus wid ur guy at dis very minute?

Mas mabilis mong malalaman ang balita kung tatawagan mo siya.
Sun-tawag lang yan!
Go ahead, call her nang magkalinawan. Unlimited naman ang Sun 24/7.
Sa Sun lang meron nyan!
Mas nagkakaintindihan talaga 'pag unlimited ang tawagan.
Hotline: 395-8000 • www.suncellular.com.ph
SUN CELLULAR
Sun-tawag lang yan!

Diplomat's autobiography recalls 1986 revolution

THE BOOK "AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AMbassador Rafael A. Gonzales—Diplomat, Artist & Judo Master" was recently launched at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

The book's most moving part is how Gonzales, along with Ambassadors Ernesto C. Pineda, Juan A. Ona, Josue A. Villa, Susan O. Castrence, and other officers, got the personnel of the DFA, the foreign service and the Philippine missions abroad to pledge their loyalty to Corazon Cojuangco-Aquino at the height of the 1986 revolution, thus prodding states to recognize the revolutionary government.

The book shows the courage and leadership of the DFA and foreign service. President Marcos could have easily crushed the revolt. He claimed that he had won the elections and was the legitimate president. Without the statement of support for Aquino from the DFA and foreign service, the Aquino regime would not have even qualified as a de facto government, for Marcos had been sworn in as president right in Malacañang, the seat of power.

"As far as I know, the DFA is the only ministry whose leadership formally accepted the authority of President Aquino," Ona is quoted in the book as having said.

The DFA statement led to the government of President Aquino to be accorded the status of a de jure government.

Guests of honor during the launching were Foreign Secretary Alberto G. Romulo and former President Fidel V. Ramos.

AMBASSADOR Rafael A. Gonzales with lawyer Bert Guevarra, businessman Kishu Doromal, Gert Gust of the International Labor Organization, and Ambassador José Lino Guerrero

FOREIGN Secretary Alberto G. Romulo and Ambassador Gonzales cut the ribbon. Around them are lawyer Dong Salud, businessman Jimmy Chua, and Ambassadors Raul Goco and Rora Tolentino.

The Aranetas in Philippine . . .

From page F1

the 1935 Constitution. As a member of Magsaysay's cabinet, he was a strong advocate of economic development.

Not mentioned in the book was a well publicized debate regarding the policy that should receive top priority. Salvador Araneta advocated agricultural development; others advocated rapid industrialization. Not knowing which side to favor, Magsaysay called upon a Jesuit, Fr. Pacifico Ortiz, to decide the issue. That was an important issue and I wish it had received an extensive treatment in the book.

The Magsaysay cabinet soon lost the services of all three of the Aranetas, a loss to the country.

Not mentioned or at least not given prominence was Salvador Araneta's later contribution to Philippine education. He founded the Araneta University, which specialized at first in agriculture and veterinary medicine. Unlike other secular private universities which were really business enterprises bringing much profit to the owners, the Araneta University was a foundation, or to use Don Salvador's own term, an "obra pia." He did it in order to obtain the Papal Nuncio's permission to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the University chapel.

In this connection I might perhaps be permitted to mention a personal experience which gives an added insight into Dr. Salvador Araneta's interest in promoting a better knowledge of Philippine culture. It had a humorous beginning. I got a telephone call from a lady who said that the Vice President wanted to talk to me. I said, "The Vice President? You mean of the Republic?" She said, "No, of Araneta University." The vice president asked if he could come to see me. I told him I would be delighted. (I was then living in the Jesuit residence attached to the Ateneo de Manila.)

He came, he said, to convey a message from Dr. Salvador Araneta, at that time residing in Canada. Dr. Araneta wished to establish at the Araneta University a chair in Philippine studies, and Dr. Araneta wanted to know if I would be willing to be the chair's first occupant. I was of course grateful to be thus honored, but my commitments at the Ateneo prevented acceptance of an otherwise attractive offer.

It is understandable that in writing this book Ms. Lina Araneta Santiago would focus on those members of the family closest to herself, namely her grandparents, Don Gregorio and Doña Carmen and her parents, Dr. Salvador and Doña Victoria. She does not refer to them by these titles but by the family nicknames: Don Gregorio is always referred to as Lolo Goyo.

There is prominent mention in the book of Fr. Francisco Araneta, the youngest among Don Gregorio's sons. Since I have written extensively of him elsewhere, let me just say here that Fr. Araneta was among the finest men I have known. If I were to describe him by one word, the word would be "genuine."

But there is much else about this important family that would merit mention. To cite one example: The collections of Philippine paintings and of Filipiniana books gathered by Luis Araneta would merit study. Much also could be said about the nationalistic activities of the younger generation, especially the sons of Don Gregorio's daughters. I would also have liked to know more of the civic activities of Vicente and Antonio Araneta. Of the women, the daughters of Don Gregorio, I know very little. But my impression is that they belong to that admirable type of woman who keeps a low profile but whose work for society is considerable.

Mrs. Santiago's book is entitled "Araneta: A Love Affair with God and Country." Their love affair with the country is obvious. They valued everything Philippine: Philippine culture, Philippine arts; Philippine history; Philippine languages.

Their love affair with God may be less obvious but was no less true. Don Gregorio was a staunch defender of the Church and of Christian principles at a time when there was a good deal of anticlericalism. We have mentioned Dr. Salvador's making the Araneta University a pious foundation in order to obtain the privilege of reserving the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. The Araneta farm near Novaliches was for many years the home of the Chinese Jesuits who had been expelled from Communist China. Many of the other members of the Araneta family were active supporters of various religious enterprises.

The Aranetas were among the many Filipinos who were disappointed that the worldwide Moral Rearmament Movement, which seemed to be a good instrument for the moral regeneration of the country and the government, did not receive the approval of the Cardinal Archbishop of Manila who (doubtless for valid reasons) strongly disapproved of it.

Ms. Santiago's book, even with the limitations we have mentioned, is a welcome addition to our better knowledge and understanding of Philippine history and the place in it of this important family.

Institut Santre's Managing Directors Joy Siao and Stephanie de los Santos with one of their endorsers, PLDT's Butch Jimenez Jr.

Institut Santre's Stephanie de los Santos and Joy Siao with Dr. Florencio Lucero, a well-respected plastic surgeon.

INSTITUT SANTRE

NOW OPEN for WOMEN

Here's some great news for ladies looking to show off their winning form: **Institut Santre**, the slimming center that prides itself on shaping men of authority, now offers their services to women, too.

Institut Santre had previously offered its customizable slimming programs exclusively to men. much like its principal, Hong Kong's renowned **Mence Body Toning International**. But due to popular demand—particularly, from the wives of their male clients—Santre decided to open its doors to females.

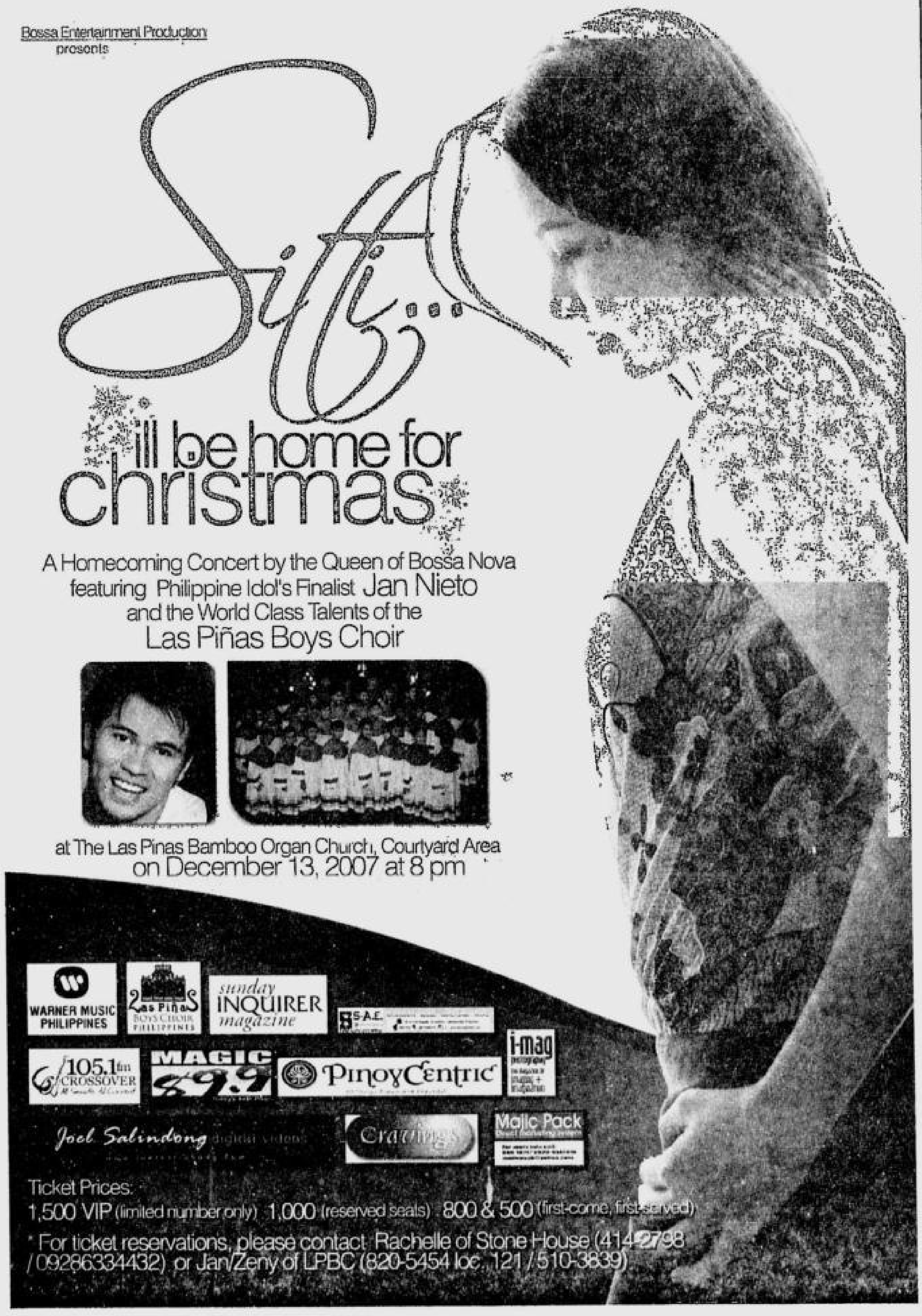
Not only that, Santre has even opened a private wing just for the ladies. This is in keeping with Santre's strict standards when it comes to protecting their clients' privacy.

The opening of its services for women, as well as the private wing, was formally made known to the public during a press launch held last October 11. It's all part of Santre's latest efforts to reveal itself to the public; up until recently, the slimming center had not been very visible in the media in terms of promotion. But now Santre wants people—and this time, women in particular—to know that they can get the body they've always wanted without resorting to diet pills, fad diets, or surgery.

Santre's slimming treatments are based on the **OmniVital Therapy System**, a holistic approach to wellness that aims to restore the body's equilibrium to make it more capable of losing weight and keeping it off over the long haul.

Santre also offers a wide range of facial and dermatological services for men and women, all administered by top-tier doctors.

For more information, visit their website at **www.institutsantre.com** or call **403.5599 or 0917.819.55.99**



Bossa Entertainment Production presents

Sitti...

ill be home for christmas

A Homecoming Concert by the Queen of Bossa Nova
featuring Philippine Idol's Finalist Jan Nieto
and the World Class Talents of the
Las Piñas Boys Choir

at The Las Pinas Bamboo Organ Church, Courtyard Area
on December 13, 2007 at 8 pm

Ticket Prices:
1,500 VIP (limited number only) 1,000 (reserved seats) 800 & 500 (first-come, first-served)
* For ticket reservations, please contact Rachelle of Stone House (414-2798 / 09286334432) or Jan/Zeny of LPBC (820-5454 loc. 121 / 510-3839)

New legal titles, fantasy books

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JOSUE Bellosillo's "Omnibus Election Code with Rules of Procedure and Jurisprudence in Election Law" draws from more than 32 years of the retired justice's legal and judicial experience.

"As election laws are popularized and studied even more, may it contribute to the growth of knowledge of the substance and the procedure of how one's right to vote becomes the foothold of democratic governance in our country and of the continuing liberty of our people," Chief Justice Reynate Puno says in the foreword.

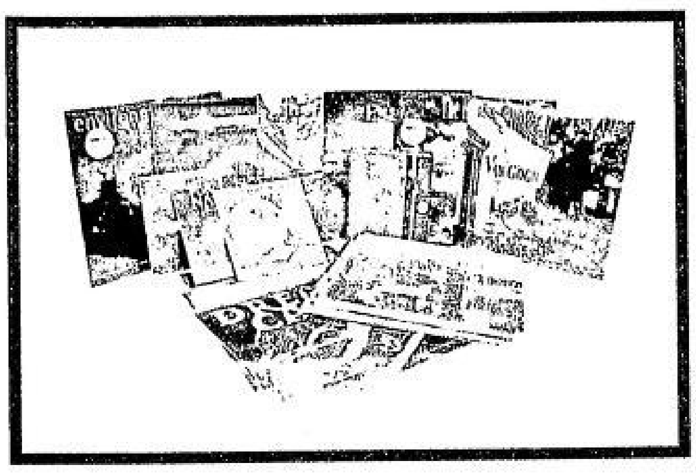
Milagros Santos Ong's "Philippine Legal Research" teaches proper research techniques. Ong, a licensed lawyer, has a master's degree in library science and a master's in information science from the University of Sheffield in England.

"Destiny's Gathering" and "The Talisman Unsealed" are fantasy books for young readers.

"Destiny's Gathering" is a tale of three friends whose search for a missing sword turns into a quest to save the world. The author, GK Galvez Tan, is a medicine student who started writing the novel when he was 11.

David Ples also started writing "The Talisman Unsealed" before his 14th birthday. It is about time travel and a world voyage to find the lost seals of the "Talisman." The books are published by Centralbooks. A subsidiary of the Sibal Publishing group, Centralbooks offers the Publish-On-Demand and Book-On-Demand services for authors.

Centralbooks has bookstores in SM Megamall and Glorietta, and at the corner of Quezon Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue in Quezon City. Call 3723550 loc 14 and 6381088. E-mail centralbks@yahoo.com or central@central.com.ph, or log on to www.central.com.ph.



COLORFUL 2008 CALENDARS
National Book Store's 2008 specialty calendars are now out. They feature different designs: breathtaking sceneries and tourist spots, adorable cats and dogs, Anne Geddes' photography, famous painters and their artwork, feng shui, and many more. Impressive full-color photos make these calendars truly worth-keeping. Prices range from P275 to P485.

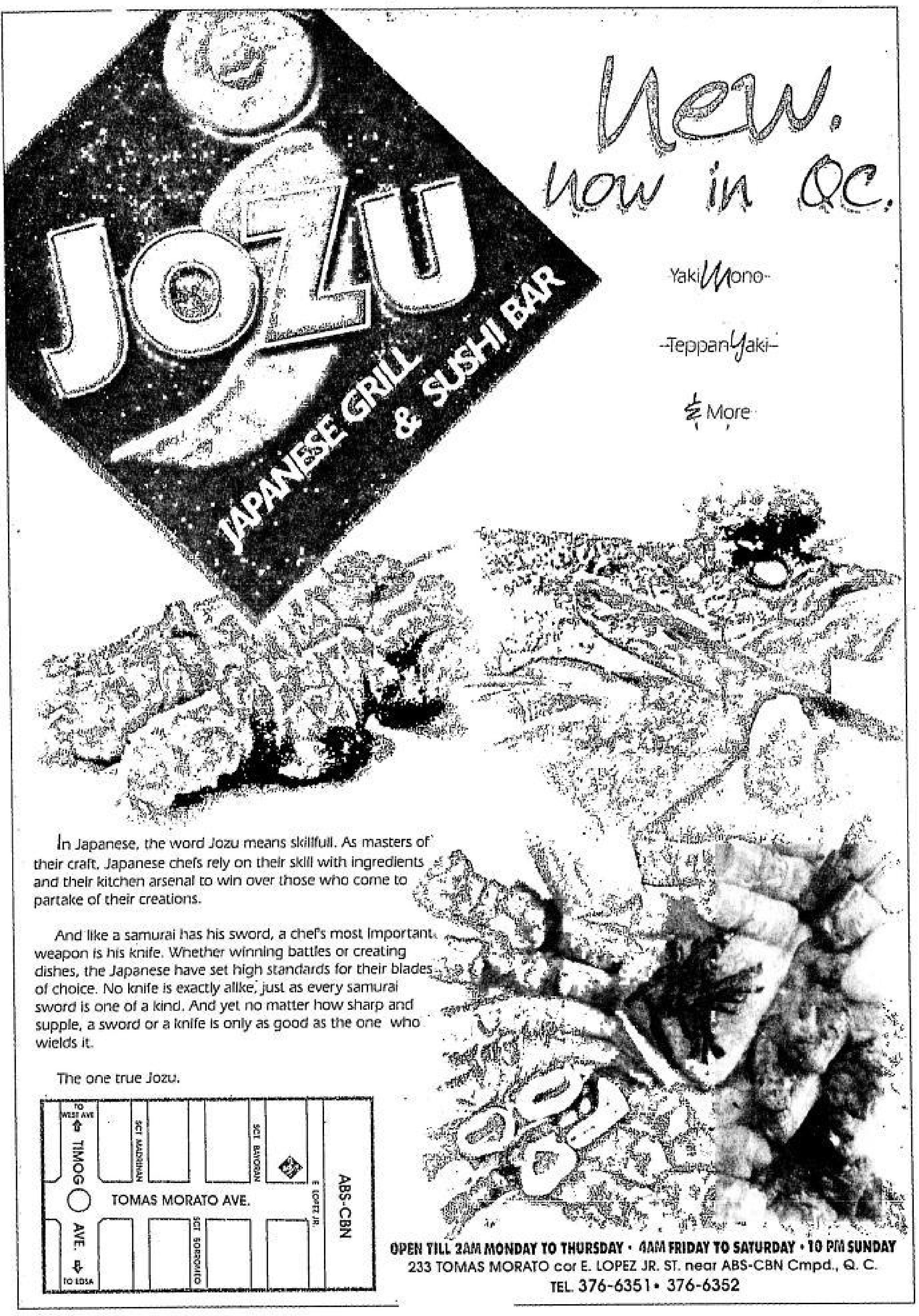
CCS
Where the best Bakeshop Owners & Cake Decorators are trained from...
Baking & Cake Decorating School
#91-8th Ave., Cubao, Quezon City
Telefon 913-2527 Telefax 912-1163
Email junflorendo@yahoo.com

International Cake Exploration Societe
Avelina C. Florendo
1ST ASIAN "ICES" HALL OF FAME AWARDEE

1.DEC 11 - 15 // 8:00AM - 5:00PM - HAM MAKING AND HOLIDAY COOKING - (P8,000)
Lengua Estopado, Bringe, Roast Beef, Chicken Relleno or you may order. Free ingredients and taste.
2.JAN 7 - 11 // 8:00AM - 5:00PM - BASIC CAKE DECORATING - (P12,000 for whole course)
P4,400 - JAN 7 - 8 - Learn 10 diff. kinds of icing flowers, figure piping. Bake & decorate your basket weave cake using boiled icing.
P3,000 - JAN 9 - Bake & decorate your own character birthday cake using star tips, simple borders & icing flowers.
P5,000 - JAN 10 - 11 - Wedding cake assembly: Bake & decorate your own 2 tiered wedding cake using fancy borders, scrolls, strings & icing flowers.
NEXT SCHED: FEB 4 - 8
3.JAN 14 - 17 // 8:00AM - 5:00PM - ADVANCED GUMPASTE & FOREIGN METHOD - (P12,000)
New method on Gumpaste Flowers: Using Mrs. Florendo's Flower Board, Marzipan, Ribbon Insertion, Finest String Works, Lace Pieces, New Recipe of Fondant & Chocolate Fondant
NEXT SCHED: FEB 11 - 15
4.SATURDAYS // 8:00AM - 12:00NN - SUGAR FREE BAKING - (P3,000)
5.JAN 16 // 8:00AM - 5:00PM - NEW METHOD ON FONDANT 2 KINDS - (P5,500)
Using Lace Mats, New Rolling Pin W/ Designs, Swags & Ribbons, Quilting, Regular & Chocolate Fondant. NEXT SCHED: FEB 14
6.JAN 18 // 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM - NEW CAKES - (P3,000)Piña Colada, Tres Leches, Caramel Cake, Chocolate Cherry Cake.
7.JAN 18 // 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM - NEW CAKES - (P3,000)Petit fours, Moist yellow cake, Coconut Cake NEXT SCHED: FEB 16
8.JAN 21 - 25 // 8:00AM - 5:00PM - BASIC COMMERCIAL BAKING - (P14,000. For whole course)
P3,000 - JAN 21 - Cakes: plain, mocha, choco, pound cake, sponge cake, moist choco cake.
P3,000 - JAN 22 - Cakes & Roll: malacañang roll, chocolate roll, brownies, pineapple upside-down, custard cake, laisan.
P3,000 - JAN 23 - Breads: pan de sal, dinner rolls, buns, pan de coco, ensaymada, honey bread & raisin bread.
P3,000 - JAN 24 - Pies: Buko pie, custard pie, pineapple pie, apple pie, mango pie.
P3,000 - JAN 25 - Pastries & Cookies: cream puff, San Nicolas cookies, camachile, oatmeal cookies, lengua de gato, coconut macaroons.
NEXT SCHED: FEB 18 - 22
9.JAN 21 - 25 // 8:00AM - 5:00PM - COLD PORCELAIN FLOWER COURSES WITH PORCELAIN RECIPE - (P5,500)
(Each set is lesson covered for one day) - a) Sampaguita, Sunflower, Waling-waling, b) Rose, Cattleya, Cymbidium, c) Magnolia, Gerbera, Lilies, d) Open Rose, Hydrangeas, Grapes *"COLD PORCELAIN DOLLS(P11,000) by appointment"* NEXT SCHED: FEB 18 - 22
10.JAN 28 - FEB 1 // 8:00AM - 5:30PM - SPECIAL BAKING - (P14,500. For whole course)
Learn to make 25 Kinds of special cakes from around the world. Each cake has a different icing & decoration.
P3,150 - JAN 28 - All Sponge Cakes: Nelusko cake, Black Forest cake, Decadence cake, Fan Torte cake, Fruit Torte cake.
P3,150 - JAN 29 - All Chiffon Cakes: Mango cake, Ube cake, Pistachio cake, Rocky Road cake, Coffee Crunch cake.
P3,150 - JAN 30 - All Butter Cakes: Butter Rum cake, Carrot cake, Kahlua cake, Moist Chocolate cake, Special Fruit cake.
P3,150 - JAN 31 - Cheesecakes: Blueberry, Mango, Tiramisu, Cookies & Cream, New York Cheesecake.
P3,150 - FEB 01 - Meringues: Sansrival, Sololhurn, Queens Torte, Braso de Mercedez, Pineapple Meringue Pie.
NEXT SCHED: FEB 25 - 29 / FOR SPECIAL SCHEDULE PLS. CALL

PEOTRACO
CONFECTIONER POWDERED SUGAR
"THE OFFICIAL CONFECTIONER SUGAR" USED BY MRS. FLORENDO

Offers Bed & Breakfast •
Delectable Filipino Food at Reasonable Prices •
Ideal for Open House, Retreat & Meetings •
Holy Family Chapel & Grotto w/ Garden •
Two Months Advanced reservation is a must •
On a first-come, first-served basis •
Private Garden, Weddings & Weekend Gatherings •
Inquire at CCS BakeShop •
AVELINA'S
#41 Isaiah St., Rd 3 Inday Subd., Antipolo City



In Japanese, the word Jozu means skillfull. As masters of their craft, Japanese chefs rely on their skill with ingredients and their kitchen arsenal to win over those who come to partake of their creations.

And like a samurai has his sword, a chef's most important weapon is his knife. Whether winning battles or creating dishes, the Japanese have set high standards for their blades of choice. No knife is exactly alike, just as every samurai sword is one of a kind. And yet no matter how sharp and supple, a sword or a knife is only as good as the one who wields it.

The one true Jozu.

OPEN TILL 2AM MONDAY TO THURSDAY • 4AM FRIDAY TO SATURDAY • 10 PM SUNDAY
233 TOMAS MORATO cor E. LOPEZ JR. ST. near ABS-CBN Cmpd., Q. C.
TEL. 376-6351 • 376-6352

JOZU
JAPANESE GRILL & SUSHI BAR
New. now in QC.
YakiMono
TeppanYaki
& More
TO WEST AVE
TIMOG AVE.
TO EDSA
SCT MADRIÑAN
SCT BAYORAN
SCT BORROMEO
TOMAS MORATO AVE.
E. LOPEZ JR.
ABS-CBN

First TV with built-in Digital Video Recorder (DVR) so you can pause, rewind and play your favorite TV shows.

TIME SHIFT
Don't miss any scene. Automatically record the live TV programs you want.
MANUAL RECORDING
Record your favorite program daily and weekly with one simple setting.
ONE TOUCH RECORDING
Record TV programs easily and quickly with one click.

LG Electronics Philippines
15 F. Legaspi St., Maybunga Pasig City • Tels. 641-4181 to 85 • Fax 640-0460, 641-9486 • Toll Free No. 1-800-10-6402525 (Free provincial calls) • CIC Hotline (02) 640-2525, 0917-8242525, 0920-9002525
www.lge.com

Bautista and Abangan to receive UST's Parangal Hagbong

POET CIRILO BAUtista and Tagalog essayist-educator Bella Angeles-Abangan will receive the Parangal Hagbong, the award for lifetime achievement in letters of the UST Varsitarian, the country's oldest Catholic campus paper.

BELLA Angeles-Abangan

CIRILO Bautista

Bautista, who graduated from UST with a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Literature in 1963, is a former news and literary editor of the Varsitarian. He taught at Saint Louis University and De La Salle University, and attended the Iowa International Writers' Workshop.

Bautista modernized epic poetry through his "Trilogy of St. Lazarus." He was elevated to the Hall of Fame of the Palanca Literary Awards in 1995 and won the grand prize in poetry of the Centennial Awards for Literature in 1998. He is senior associate of the UST Center for Creative Writing and Studies.

Abangan, a former Tagalog editor of the Varsitarian, earned her baccalaureate, masteral, and doctorate degrees in Education from UST, and was chief of the Division of City Schools in Manila from 1987 to 1990.

Abangan writes the long-running popular column "Lakbay Diwa" and the love counseling column "Dear Heart" for Tempo. She also writes for Balita under the column name "Maganda ang Buhay."

She hosted the radio show "Tinig ng Lakbay," which was aired on DZME from 1990 to 1992, and Radio Veritas from 1992 to 1994.

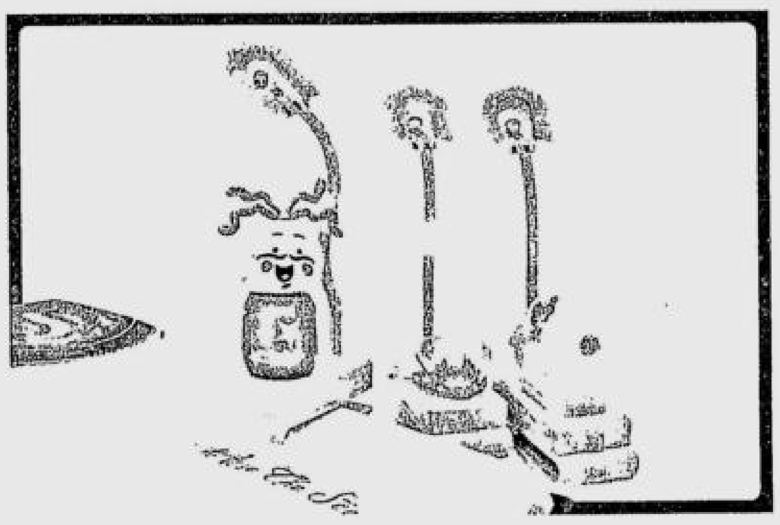
She received the Catholic Mass Media Award in 1983.

Bautista and Abangan will join a stellar list of UST writers who have received the Parangal Hagbong: Rogelio Sicat and National Artist Rolando Tinio (1997); Genoveva Edroza-Matute (1998); National Artist J. Elizalde Navarro (for art criticism, 1999); Erma Cuizon, Reynaldo Duque and Ponciano Pineda (2000); Lilia Pablo-Amansec (2001); National Artist Bienvenido Lumbera (2002); Sr. Delia Coronel, ICM (2003); Ben Villar Condino, Wilfrido Nolledo, and National Artist Nick Joaquin (2004); Zeneida Amador, Magdalena Sayas and National Artist F. Sionil José (2005); and Doris Trinidad-Gamalinda and Gloria Garchitorena-Goloy (2006).

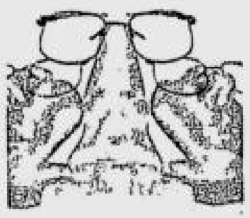
The Parangal Hagbong is the traditional highlight of Ustetika, the longest-running student literary derby in the country.

Hagbong and Ustetika will be handed out in colorful ceremonies on Dec. 15 at the UST Quadricentennial Park.

PARANGAL Hagbong trophy by artists Romeo Forbes and Frederick Caedo



MUST-HAVE
For those who can't put a good book down, National Book Store's new booklight is a must-have. The reading light is at the perfect height and the rotating stem allows you to illuminate the page exactly where you want it. It runs on three AAA batteries. The booklight comes with either a sharpener, clip holder or ballpen. Only P57.75.



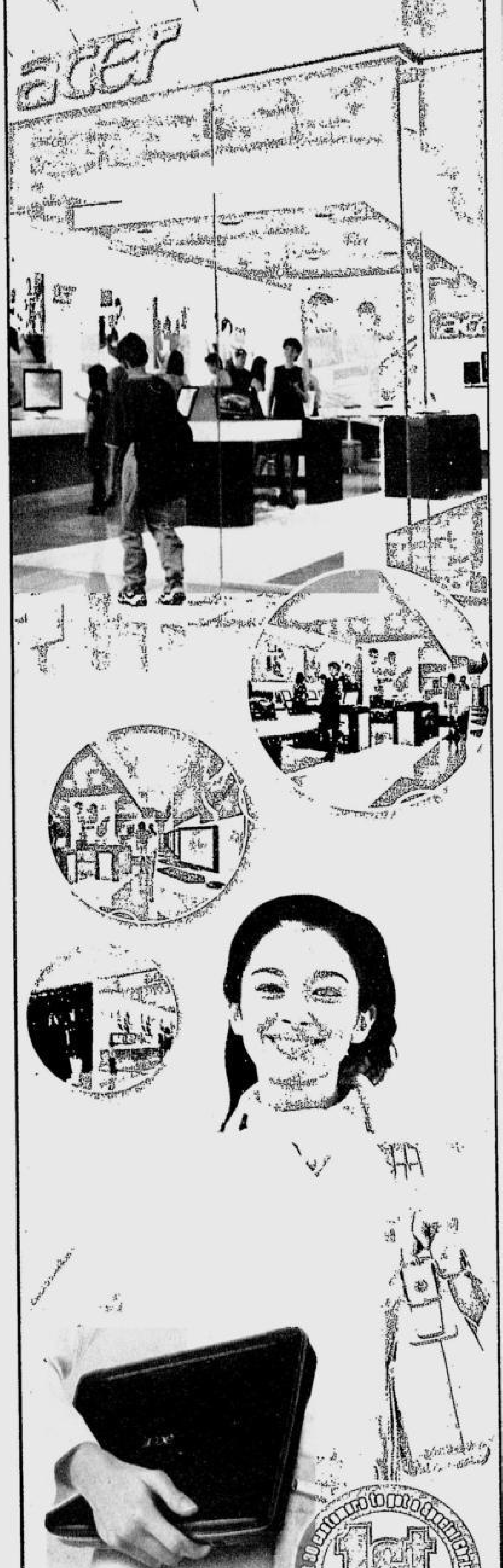
'SPEC-TACULAR' EYEGLASS HOLDERS
Rest your specs on the new eyeglass holders from National Book Store. You'll never have to worry about misplacing your valuable eyewear ever again with these eye-catching containers of durable plastic. With five bright colors (blue, green, pink, purple and white) and two styles to choose from, it's a must-have for every bespectacled person's desk or dresser. Available at selected NBS branches for P279.

acer

THE TIME HAS COME.

The 1st Acer Concept Store in the Philippines is Now Open!

Acer, the Philippines' #1 PC brand*, continues to break the barriers by opening its **first Acer Concept Store** at the SM Megamall Cyberzone today, Dec. 10.
A special Christmas Food Basket will be given away for the **first 30 customers** who purchase any Acer product during the opening day.



*based on Q2 2007 IDC Report

MEGAMALL

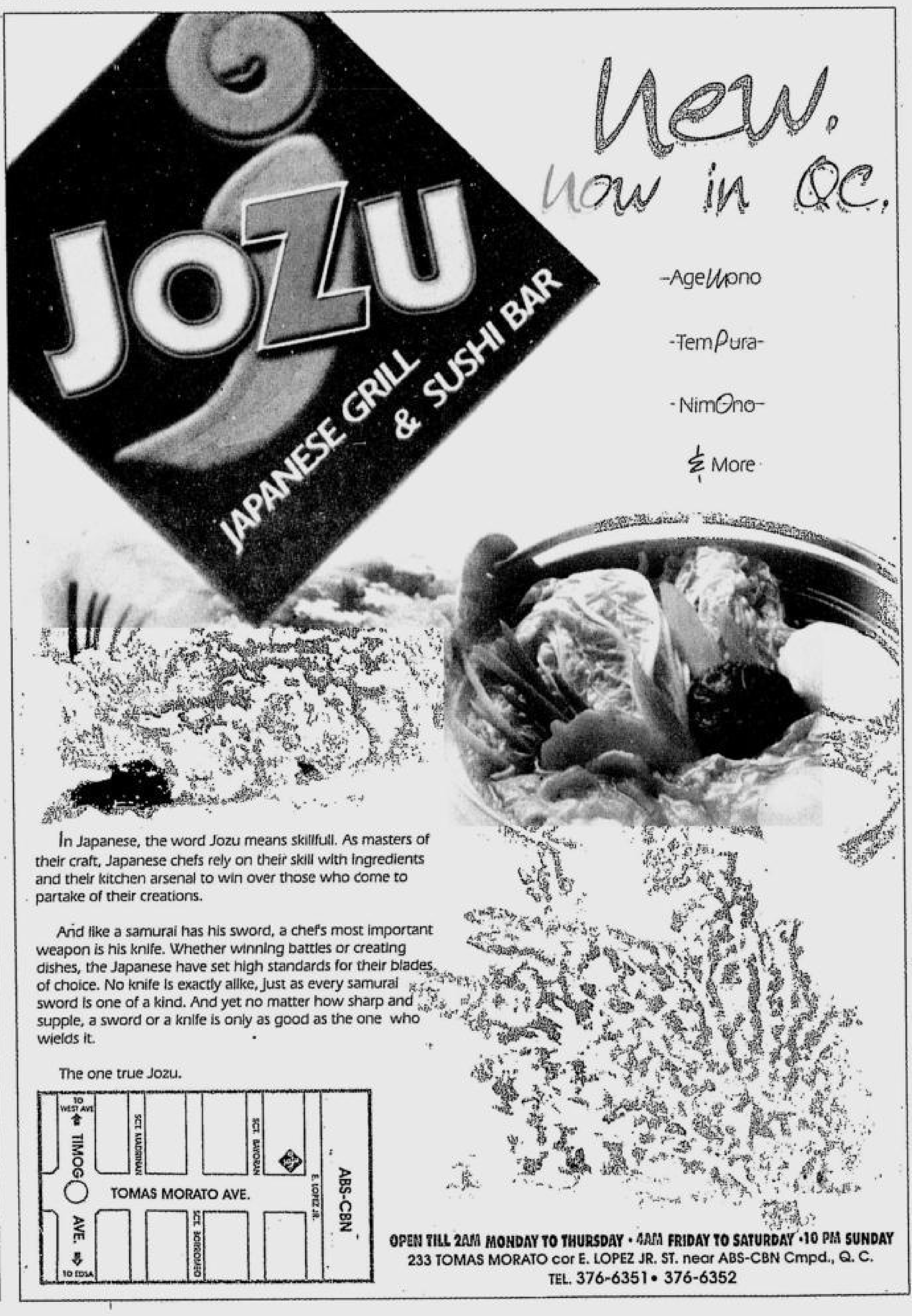
Acer Concept Store
Unit 439, Cyberzone, 4/F SM Megamall,
Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos: 633(ACER) 2237/635 (ACER) 2237/637 (ACER) 2237

"Formula for Success" Promo:
Log-on at www.acer.com.ph to register and get a Microsoft Press Book Voucher and avail of a 20% discount when you buy "Step by Step" Vista and Office 2007 Book at selected Fully Booked branches. Plus! Get FREE 3-months unlimited Wi-Fi service courtesy of Airborne Access for every purchase of any featured Acer notebook. Hurry! Promo runs from Dec. 1-31, 2007 only. See flyers for more details.
Per DTI-NCR [illegible] Series of 2007

Happiness Rings with
HERSHEY'S
Kissables
SAMSUNG
Yency

WIN Exclusive HERSHEY'S phones. Just text HERSHEY'S to 2600 for more details.

Happy Holidays!



In Japanese, the word Jozu means skillfull. As masters of their craft, Japanese chefs rely on their skill with ingredients and their kitchen arsenal to win over those who come to partake of their creations.

And like a samurai has his sword, a chef's most important weapon is his knife. Whether winning battles or creating dishes, the Japanese have set high standards for their blades of choice. No knife is exactly alike, just as every samurai sword is one of a kind. And yet no matter how sharp and supple, a sword or a knife is only as good as the one who wields it.

The one true Jozu.

OPEN TILL 2AM MONDAY TO THURSDAY • 4AM FRIDAY TO SATURDAY • 10 PM SUNDAY
233 TOMAS MORATO cor E. LOPEZ JR. ST. near ABS-CBN Cmpd., Q. C.
TEL. 376-6351 • 376-6352

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Emmie G. Velarde

sms feedback: inquirer ent name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) and 283 (Smart) **or email us at** entertainment@inquirer.com.ph **Website:** www.inquirer.net/entertainment

DUNKIN' DONUTS
Christmas Hologram Tumblers
Buy a dozen Dunkin' Donuts and a hologram tumbler for P138
Available in 6 designs
© 2007 DD IP Holder LLC. All rights reserved
Per DTI NCR Permit No. 4181 Series of 2007

RP bet leading 'Asian Idol' poll

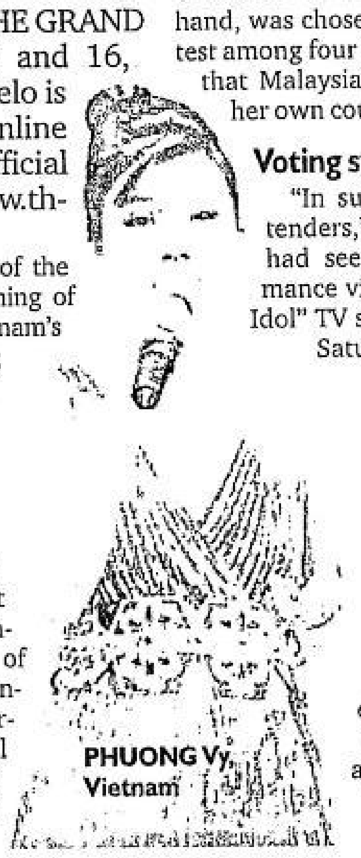
MAU Marcelo: 33.51 percent of votes cast

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

A WEEK BEFORE THE GRAND finals on Dec. 15 and 16, Filipina Mau Marcelo is leading the pack in an online poll conducted on the official "Asian Idol" website (www.theasianidol.tv).

Marcelo has 33.51 percent of the 970 votes cast up till the evening of Dec. 8. She is followed by Vietnam's Phuong Vy, with 23.92 percent; Indonesia's Mike Mohede, 20.62 percent; Malaysia's Jaclyn Victor, 12.78 percent; Singapore's Hady Mirza, 8.04 percent; and India's Abhijeet Sawant, 1.13 percent.

Perci Intalan, ABC 5's head of Creative and Entertainment Production, told INQUIRER Entertainment that the result of the online poll was largely indicative of the contestants' current standing in the regional contest which is being held in Jakarta, Indonesia for the first time.



PHUONG Vy, Vietnam

"Mau's closest competitor seems to be Vietnam's Phuong. Mike, on the other hand, was chosen by Indonesians in a contest among four local 'Idol' winners. I heard that Malaysia's Jaclyn is a superstar in her own country, though."

Voting system

"In sum, they're all strong contenders," explained Intalan who had seen the contestants' performance videos in the "Road to Asian Idol" TV special, aired on ABC 5 last Saturday.

According to the web site, viewers will be asked to vote for two contestants to eliminate "population size ... as a determining factor. It takes into account any potential national bias."

The system was formulated by FremantleMedia, "Idol" franchise holder, to ensure a level playing field.

It's mathematical, Intalan agreed.

However, he disagreed

RP BET/ G3

Don't let yourself go bald... even the ladies agree.

There's a lot you miss if you're bald—sharing intimate moments when your partner runs her hands through your hair...being confident to strike a conversation with women without feeling self-conscious about your receding hairline...pulling a suave move to give ladies a lasting impression...

Take Actor/Businessman Joey Marquez's advice, "Don't let yourself go bald." Like most men, Joey equates losing hair with losing charisma, potency and vigor. "You tend to look older with less hair. And nobody wants to look old. I'd rather be seen as classic, not old," added Joey.

Stop hairloss as soon as you experience its early signs with Svenson's intensive treatments. End hairloss now so you'd never have to miss a thing.

Call now for a FREE consultation.

Svenson
call 892-HAIR (4247)

MAKATI 15/F GT Tower
TOMAS MORATO 3/F CKB Center
BINONDO 11/F Federal Tower Building
ALABANG 4/F Citibank-Frabelle Building
CEBU TEL: 234-0851 7/F Keppel Centre

SUN BRINGS EVERYONE CLOSER THIS CHRISTMAS.

3 CAMERA PHONES LINES
24/7 CALL & TEXT UNLIMITED*
750** FREE TEXTS TO OTHER NETWORKS
10 ¢ PER MINUTE IDD***

all for ₱999/month!

It's that time of year again where everyone can strengthen connections and build relationships—thanks to Sun Cellular, calls and texts this Christmas become easier and faster. So get a Sun Group Plan 999, get more lines and stay connected with your loved ones! No matter where you are, feeling the Christmas spirit is just a call and text away.

Have a Merry Christmas with Sun Cellular! Hurry to The Sun Shop and apply now!

Nokia 2626
Color display
FM Radio
GPRS, MMS, JAVA, WAP
Samsung X510
VGA Camera
Triband, Infrared
GPRS, WAP
Motorola W218
VGA Camera
FM Radio
Calendar with databook
Sony Ericsson K320i
VGA Camera
Triband, MP3 Player
GPRS, Bluetooth

- Only one person needs to subscribe to get all the lines.****
- Choose any three from these handsets: Nokia 2626, Samsung X510, Motorola W218, Sony Ericsson K320i.

* For local Sun-to-Sun calls and texts only.
** When enrolled in 24/7 Call & Text Unlimited.
*** Sun IDD 10 offers 10¢ per minute IDD rate to the US, China, Hong Kong, Canada, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei, Guam, and Macau. Call the Sun Hotline for more info.
**** 24-month holding period.

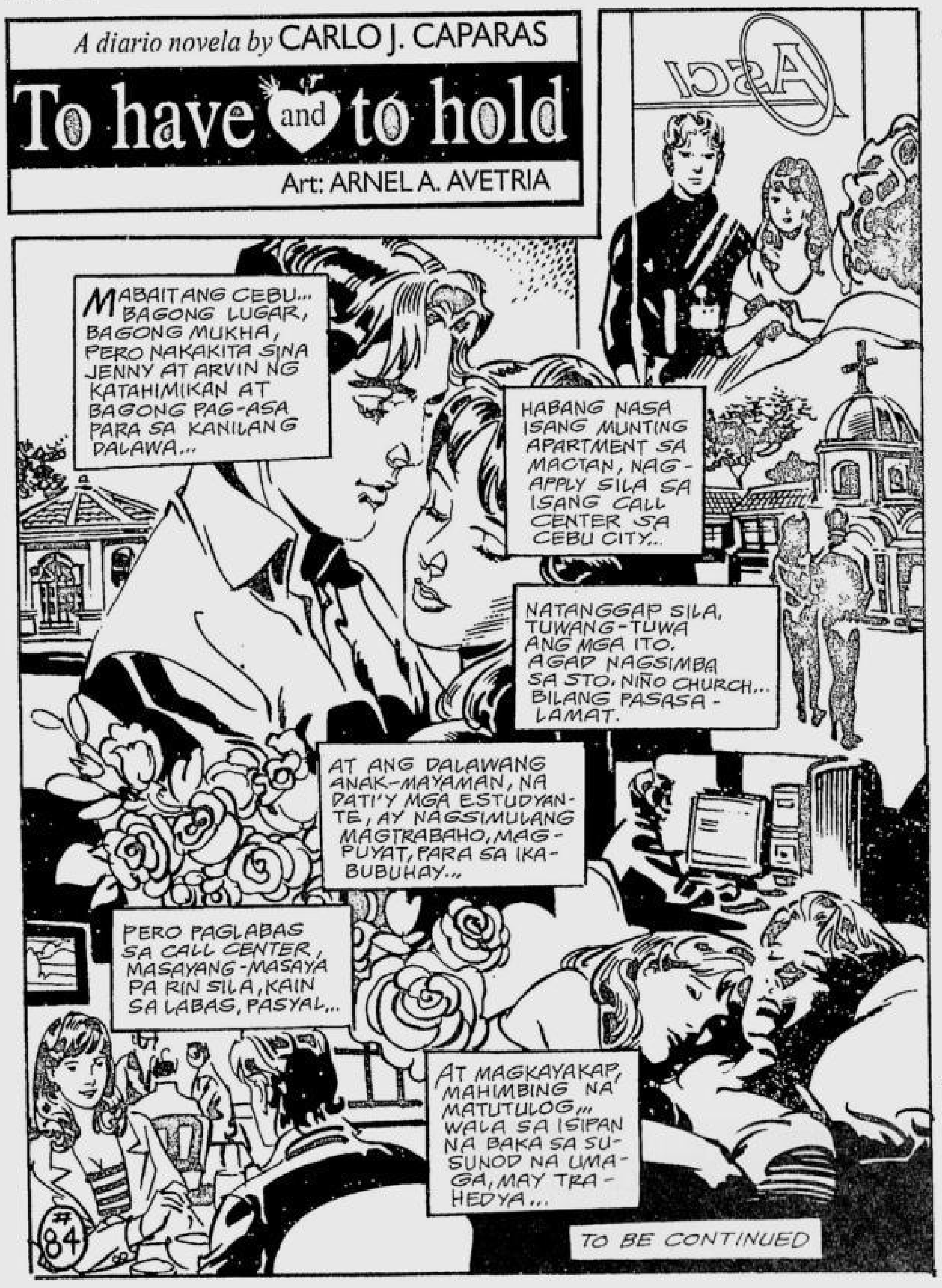
24/7 CALL & TEXT UNLIMITED
24/7 TEXT UNLIMITED
www.suncellular.com.ph Hotline: 395-8000

SUN CELLULAR
Better network, better value.

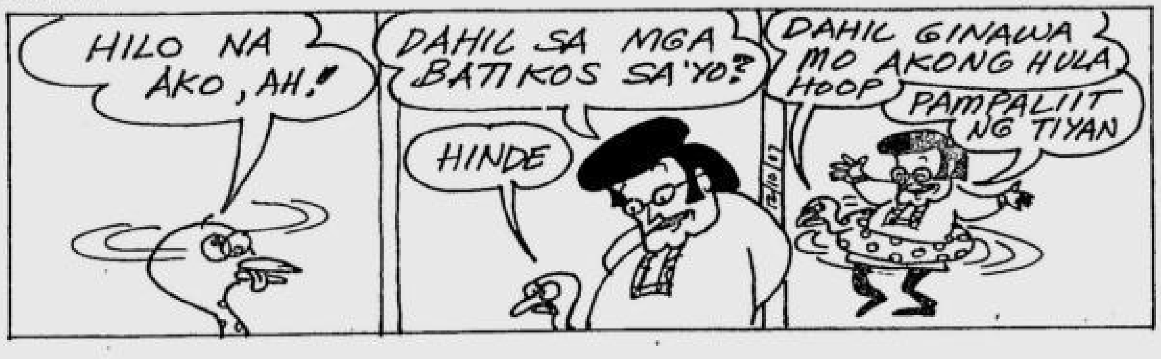
A diario novela by CARLO J. CAPARAS

To have and to hold

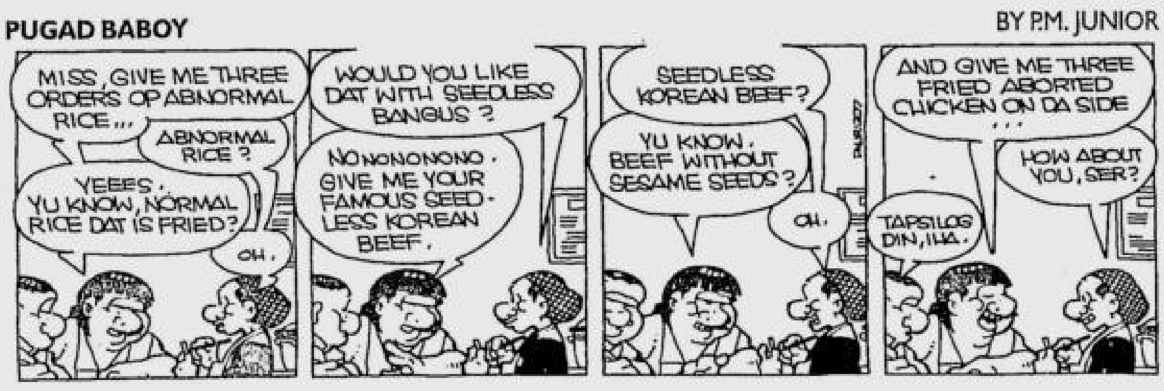
Art: ARNEL A. AVETRIA


MABAIT ANG CEBU... BAGONG LUGAR, BAGONG MUKHA, PERO NAKAKITA SINA JENNY AT ARVIN NG KATAHIMIKAN AT BAGONG PAG-ASA PARA SA KANILANG DALAWA...
HABANG NASA ISANG MUNTING APARTMENT SA MACTAN, NAG-APPLY SILA SA ISANG CALL CENTER SA CEBU CITY...
NATANGGAP SILA, TUWANG-TUWA ANG MGA ITO. AGAD NAGSIMBA SA STO. NIÑO CHURCH... BILANG PASASALAMAT.
AT ANG DALAWANG ANAK-MAYAMAN, NA DATI'Y MGA ESTUDYANTE, AY NAGSIMULANG MAGTRABAHO, MAGPUYAT, PARA SA IKABUBUHAY...
PERO PAGLABAS SA CALL CENTER, MASAYANG-MASAYA PA RIN SILA, KAIN SA LABAS, PASYAL...
AT MAGKAYAKAP, MAHIMBING NA MATUTULOG... WALA SA ISIPAN NA BAKA SA SUSUNOD NA UMAGA, MAY TRAHEDYA...
#84
TO BE CONTINUED

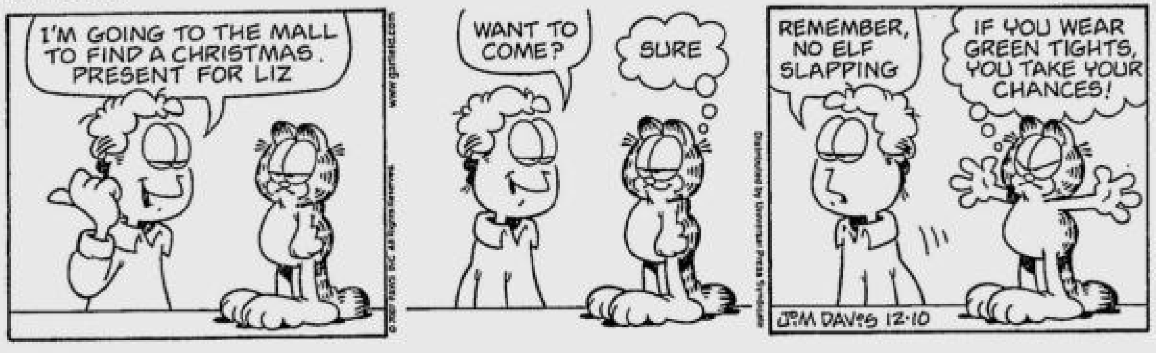
A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA


HILO NA AKO, AH!
DAHIL SA MGA BATIKOS SA'YO?
HINDE
DAHIL GINAWA MO AKONG HULA HOOP
PAMPALIIT NG TIYAN

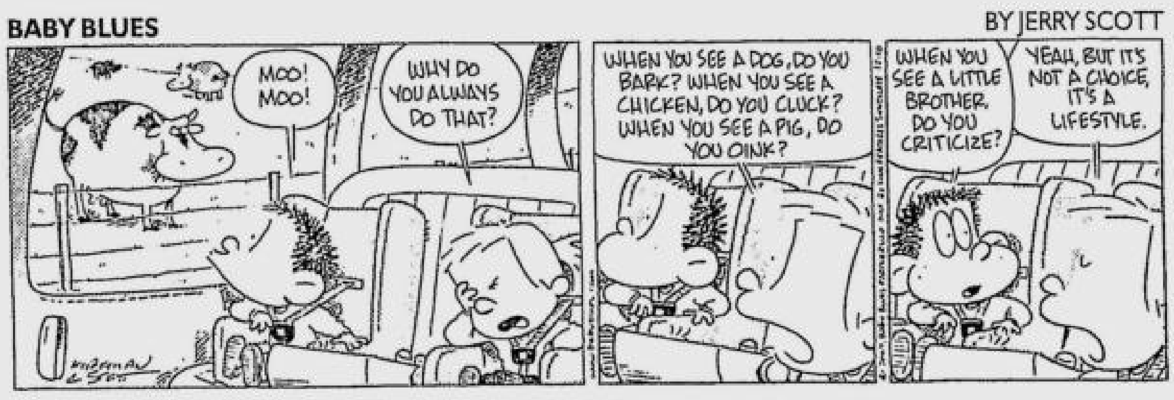
PUGAD BABOY BY P.M. JUNIOR


MISS, GIVE ME THREE ORDERS OF ABNORMAL RICE...
ABNORMAL RICE?
YEEES. YU KNOW, NORMAL RICE DAT IS FRIED?
OH.
WOULD YOU LIKE DAT WITH SEEDLESS BANGUS?
NONONONONO. GIVE ME YOUR FAMOUS SEEDLESS KOREAN BEEF.
SEEDLESS KOREAN BEEF?
YU KNOW. BEEF WITHOUT SESAME SEEDS?
OH.
AND GIVE ME THREE FRIED ABORTED CHICKEN ON DA SIDE...
HOW ABOUT YOU, SER?
TAPSILOG DIN, IHA.

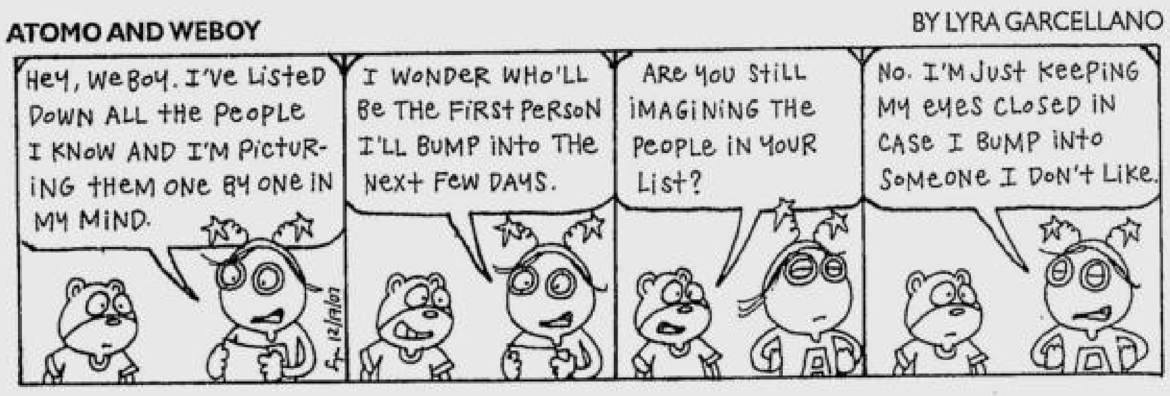
GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS


I'M GOING TO THE MALL TO FIND A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR LIZ
WANT TO COME?
SURE
REMEMBER, NO ELF SLAPPING
IF YOU WEAR GREEN TIGHTS, YOU TAKE YOUR CHANCES!
JIM DAVIS 12-10

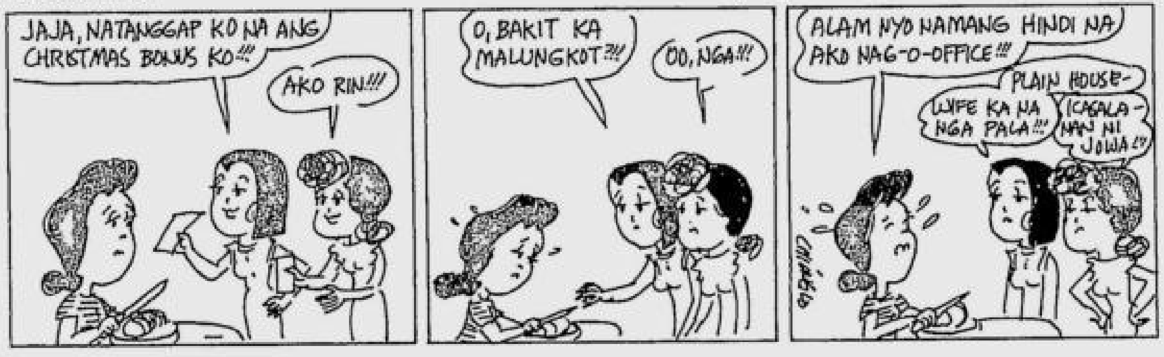
BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT


MOO! MOO!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DO THAT?
WHEN YOU SEE A DOG, DO YOU BARK? WHEN YOU SEE A CHICKEN, DO YOU CLUCK? WHEN YOU SEE A PIG, DO YOU OINK?
WHEN YOU SEE A LITTLE BROTHER, DO YOU CRITICIZE?
YEAH, BUT IT'S NOT A CHOICE. IT'S A LIFESTYLE.

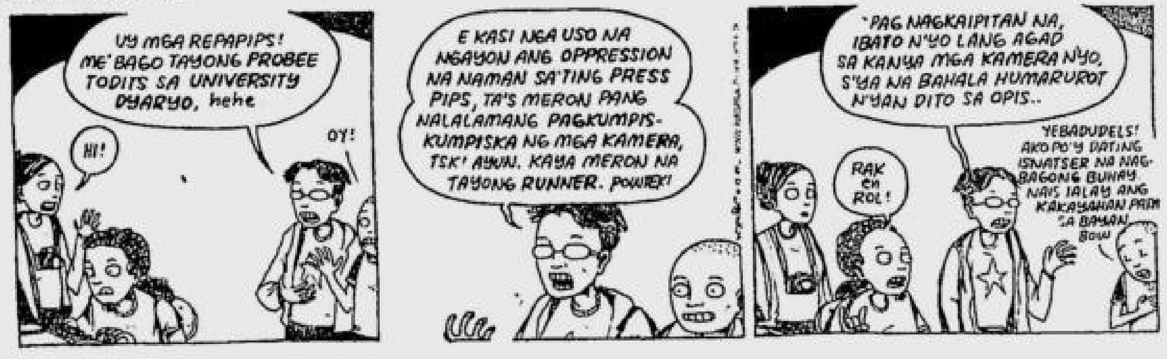
ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO


Hey, WeBoy. I've listed down all the people I know and I'm picturing them one by one in my mind.
I wonder who'll be the first person I'll bump into the next few days.
Are you still imagining the people in your list?
No. I'm just keeping my eyes closed in case I bump into someone I don't like.

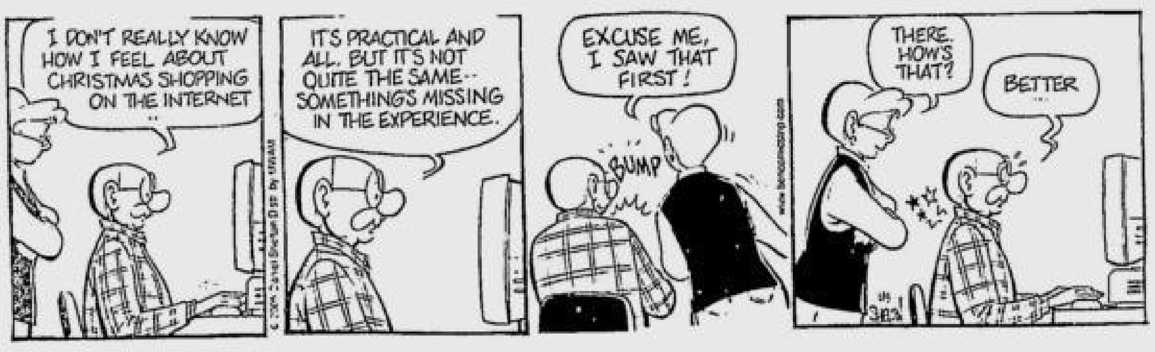
LOVEKNOTS BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


JAJA, NATANGGAP KO NA ANG CHRISTMAS BONUS KO!!!
AKO RIN!!!
O, BAKIT KA MALUNGKOT?!!
OO, NGA!!!
ALAM NYO NAMANG HINDI NA AKO NAG-O-OFFICE!!!
WIFE KA NA NGA PALA!!!
PLAIN HOUSE-
ICAGALA-HAN NI JOWA!!

KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA


UY MGA REPAPIPS! ME' BAGO TAYONG PROBEE TODITS SA UNIVERSITY DYARYO, hehe
HI!
OY!
E KASI NGA USO NA NGAYON ANG OPPRESSION NA NAMAN SA'TING PRESS PIPS, TA'S MERON PANG NALALAMANG PAGKUMPIS-KUMPISKA NG MGA KAMERA, TSK! AYUN. KAYA MERON NA TAYONG RUNNER. POWTEK!
'PAG NAGKAIPITAN NA, IBATO N'YO LANG AGAD SA KANYA MGA KAMERA N'YO, S'YA NA BAHALA HUMARUROT N'YAN DITO SA OPIS..
RAK en ROL!
YEBADUDELS! AKO PO'Y DATING ISNATSER NA NAGBAGONG BUHAY. NAIS IALAY ANG KAKAYAHAN PARA SA BAYAN. BOW

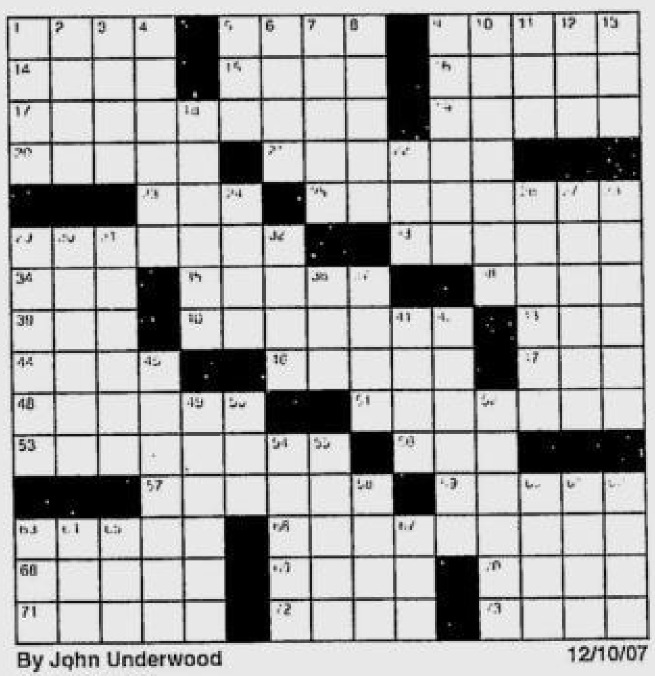
BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON


I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON THE INTERNET
IT'S PRACTICAL AND ALL. BUT IT'S NOT QUITE THE SAME-- SOMETHING'S MISSING IN THE EXPERIENCE.
EXCUSE ME, I SAW THAT FIRST!
BUMP
THERE. HOW'S THAT?
BETTER

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Fleshy cheek
5 French picnic locale
9 Disney lion
14 Mayberry boy
15 Salt Lake state
16 Perfectly pitched
17 Lion city of Asia
19 Web-footed critter
20 "__ the Horrible"
21 Tongue-lash
23 Mil. unit
25 Lion-hearted king
29 Narragansett baby
33 Affixed to this
34 Mr. Baba
35 Chatters: var.
38 Mil. rank
39 Cal. units
40 Shakespearean tragedy
43 Melodic tune
44 Light touches
46 Gazpacho ingredient
47 August sign
48 Former San Francisco mayor
51 Drought state
53 Lion king of Scotland
56 Program file extension
57 Link together
59 Upstanding
63 Puppeteer Lewis
66 Lion king of France
68 Crime group
69 From scratch
70 Art Deco designer
71 Narnia lion
72 String toy
73 Prognosticator

DOWN
1 Poke fun
2 Eye defect: suff.
3 Party branch
4 Smooth, even style in music
5 Kind of tent
6 Two-point connection
7 Less likely
8 Colette novel
9 Calm down
10 Sobbing
11 NYSE, for one
12 Spelling competition
13 River to the Firth of Clyde
18 Western gulch
22 Exclamation in Bonn
24 Exam for jrs.
26 Secondhand purchase
27 Motherless calves
28 Lead-ins
29 Papaya
30 Acid neutralizer
31 Flower part
32 Sound rebound
36 Author Kesey
37 Lost traction
41 Traditional tales
42 Cameo stones
45 Sun rooms
49 Brownish orange
50 Granola bit
52 Anxiety
54 Language of Kuala Lumpur
55 Image: pref.
58 Politico Long
60 Emerald Isle
61 Commend
62 Stadium level
63 Wee, to Burns
64 Possesses
65 CIO's partner
67 "Sands of Jima"



By John Underwood
New York, NY
12/10/07

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

A	B	A	T	E	■	C	O	A	L	E	S	C	E	D
C	R	E	E	L	■	A	P	R	I	L	L	O	V	E
H	A	S	T	A	■	M	I	D	D	L	E	M	E	N
I	N	T	E	R	V	E	N	E	■	■	W	E	N	T
E	D	H	■	A	I	R	I	N	G	S	■	U	S	E
V	I	E	S	■	M	A	N	T	L	E	■	P	O	D
E	S	T	E	S	■	■	G	L	E	A	N	■	■	■
S	H	E	L	L	A	C	■	Y	E	R	E	V	A	N
■	■	■	F	U	R	O	R	■	■	S	L	I	D	E
A	S	S	■	S	C	R	E	A	M	■	L	E	D	A
L	E	E	■	H	A	N	D	S	A	W	■	W	I	T
A	C	T	S	■	■	P	A	S	T	O	R	A	T	E
S	O	T	T	O	V	O	C	E	■	R	O	B	I	N
K	N	E	E	P	A	N	T	S	■	S	A	L	V	E
A	D	E	P	T	N	E	S	S	■	T	R	E	E	D

(C)2007 Tribune Media Services, Inc
All rights reserved
12/10/07

HOROSCOPE

YOU BORN TODAY: You are a spiritual person. You're intrigued by secrets and the paths of destiny. You're a true seeker. It's important for you to find something to believe in. Given the opportunity, you're a sympathetic and effective leader. You're also a nurturing parent. In the year ahead, a major change might take place, perhaps as significant as around 1999.

Birthdate of: Susan Dey, actress; Emily Dickinson, poet; Sarah Chang, violinist.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Travel delays or interruptions to travel plans are likely today. Something in the media might be unusually surprising. You might want to break free from something. You don't like restrictions today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Stay in touch about shared property, debt, insurance and estate matters. Someone does not share your values, which is always a surprising discovery. Try to keep an open mind

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Conflict and arguments with partners or authority figures are likely today. People are very independent in their thinking. Nobody is really listening to anyone anyhow. You might as well save your breath.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Expect interruptions at work that are technical or power-related. Fire drills, computer crashes, power outages and broken equipment are just some reasons you have to be on your toes today.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Be patient if you work with or care for children today. The situation is slightly accident-prone. In addition, people are unpredictable today. Stay alert.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Be patient with family members to avoid domestic conflict. Avoid minor breakages and failed attempts to fix things. Slow down and cut others some slack to keep the peace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Try to think before you speak. It's easy to blurt out something without thinking. This is also minorly accident-prone day. Slow down. Focus on what you're doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Arguments about money or possessions are possible today. Something might suddenly break. Unexpected loss or gain is also likely. You might find money. You might lose money. Act quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Your mind is very stimulated today. You're fascinated by many things. Take a deep breath. Be patient with surprises as they occur. A relaxed mind can handle more things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): A bright idea that comes out of the blue might surprise you today. It's a whole new way of thinking about something. You might want to write it down. (I forget all my good ideas.)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Meetings, classes and group activities might be canceled today. Interactions with others are surprising because people are different and unpredictable!

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Be careful not to say something rash to parents, teachers, bosses and authority figures. You might regret it later on. Don't just think aloud.

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

1		5				9		2
		6				8		
9	3		4		8		5	6
		7		4		1		
			3	6	7			
		8		2		6		
8	7		2		9		6	1
		3				2		
6		1				3		8

Difficulty Level ★
12/10

©2007 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	1	9	7	3	5	2	4
4	9	2	6	8	5	7	1	3
5	7	3	4	2	1	9	6	8
6	4	8	3	9	2	1	7	5
7	1	9	5	6	4	3	8	2
2	3	5	8	1	7	6	4	9
9	5	6	1	4	8	2	3	7
1	2	4	7	3	9	8	5	6
3	8	7	2	5	6	4	9	1

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

While giving advice to fans, Amy far from forgiving Brix

By Marinel R. Cruz

AMY Perez with her son Adi, whom she wanted to bring to the US for the Christmas break.
AUGUST DELA CRUZ

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY.

Amy Perez is miffed at the "disappearance" of Brix Feraris, father of her 10-year-old son Adi.

"Brix is such a big nuisance. I hope he realizes that this is not helping our child."

Amy said she had hoped to spend the Christmas season in the United States with Adi, but that she could not bring the boy without Brix's signature on the travel clearance.

"We heard he was in China so we called, but couldn't reach him. Now there's news that he's in America," Amy told INQUIRER Entertainment in an interview at her home in Pasig City.

Outside of certain legalities and despite the musician Brix's absence (they split up seven years ago), Amy clarified that Adi is well taken care of. Her boyfriend, radio reporter Carlo Castillo, treats Adi like his own child, she said.

Pillar of strength

"They play basketball and go camping," Amy said. "Even Carlo's mom adores Adi. She picks Adi up whenever Carlo and I are busy."

Amy was 10 weeks pregnant when she suffered a miscarriage last January. She said she cried for a week. "Carlo was my pillar of strength," recalled Amy. "He told me there was a reason that it happened, and that we should just be thankful I was alive and well."

They are trying to have a child again. Thus, Amy has decided to slow down at work. She currently hosts "Kabuhayang Swak na Swak" on ABS-CBN and the radio show "About Me and You" on dzMM. She also writes a newspaper column.

She is giving her show biz career three more years, she said, and then she might consider retirement. "I'd like to try having a quiet family life. But I want to continue writing my column and hosting my radio program."

Amy has been hosting "About Me and You" for more than two years now. She started as a pinch-hitter for anchor Roselle Manahan (Ms. M).

"This show gives me fulfillment," she said. "It makes me happy to know that Pinoys from all over the world have made me a part of their lives."

For an hour every night, Amy talks about teenagers and overseas Filipino workers in "About Me and You."

Some of the subjects she has discussed on-air are: how to best handle a long-distance relationship, what to do if your boss is giving you a hard time, what to do if your best friend suddenly declares love for you.

"I encourage listeners to participate by reading their text messages or e-mail. I talk with some by phone, on the air."

There's not much money in either the radio show or the column, she admitted. "But it's very rewarding to share my views."

RP bet leading 'Asian Idol' poll

From page G1

MIKE Mohede, Indonesia

with the strategy being proposed by some Filipinos in websites and blogs. "To help Mau, they suggest that voters pick Mau as first choice and the weakest candidate as second. The thing is, we have no way of knowing who's the weakest," he clarified.

In the end, the "Asian Idol" system renders the second choice as the more crucial vote, Intalan asserted.

He also cautioned Filipinos not to put Mau as their first and second choices because their votes would be deemed "invalid."

"If they only vote for Mau and leave the second slot empty, their votes will also be considered null and void," he said.

Details on the voting have yet to be finalized, said Intalan.

Needless to say, Filipinos can course their votes through all the local cell phone companies, he related.

The contest's web site also said that each county had been asked to send its own judge. An early list in Wikipedia named the following jurors: Indonesia's Indra Lesmana, India's Anu Malik, Malaysia's Paul Moss, Singapore's Ken Lim, Vietnam's Siu Black and the Philippines' Pilita Corrales.

Intalan also told the INQUIRER that last year's "American Idol" winner Taylor Hicks, "Australian Idol" champ Guy Sebastian and Filipino band Rivermaya had been invited to perform in the regional tilt.

SHANG CINEPLEX
1 CLOSED FOR A PRIVATE EVENT
2 GOLDEN COMPASS MTRCB PG-13 12.20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20
3 ENCHANTED MTRCB GP 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
4 THE KINGDOM MTRCB R-13 2.00, 4.20, 6.40, 9.00
PREMIERE THEATRE THE GOLDEN COMPASS MTRCB PG-13 12.50, 3.50, 6.50, 9.50
Movies and schedules are subject to change without prior notice
Catch the Cineplex Special
ERRATUM: RATING FOR GOLDEN COMPASS IS PG-13 AND NOT GP AS INDICATED YESTERDAY.
6th floor, Shangri-La Plaza Mall
EDSA corner Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City
Call 633-2227 or 633-4735 for more details.
Shangri-La Plaza

Araneta Center araneta center.net Gateway ALIMALL FarmersPlaza Farmers Market
Gateway CINEPLEX*10
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE
ADMIT ONE

GOLDEN COMPASS	BATANES	EASTERN PROMISES	BEOWULF	GOLDEN COMPASS
2:00 | 3:20 | 4:30 7:00 | 8:20 | 9:30	1:15 | 4:00 6:45 | 9:30	2:30 | 4:50 7:10 | 9:30	12:50 | 5:50	4:00 | 6:30 | 9:00

COMPLETELY UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS DOLBY DIGITAL·EX

ONE MORE CHANCE	THE KINGDOM	HITMAN	PASUKOB	ENCHANTED
12:45 | 3:40 6:35 | 9:30	12:10 | 4:50 | 9:30	2:30 | 7:10	1:50 | 4:20 6:50 | 9:20	1:45 | 4:20 6:55 | 9:30

ARANETA COLISEUM
BARNEY
LET'S IMAGINE TOUR
DEC 19 TO 23
For reservations call 911-5555 or log on to ticketnet.com.ph, aranetacoliseum.com or aranetacenter.net

GREENHILLS CINEMAS
GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER, ORTIGAS AVENUE, GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA
THEATRE MALL GREENHILLS
a landmark reinvented!
NOW SHOWING
CINEMA 1 ENCHANTED / HITMAN 11:00, 1:20, 3:40 // 6:00, 8:20, 10:35 GP // R-13
CINEMA 2 EASTERN PROMISES 11:00, 1:20, 3:40 6:00, 8:20, 10:35 R-13
DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND·EX
PROMENADE GREENHILLS
...a dinetertainment for all!
NOW SHOWING
CINEMA 3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS 11:20, 2:10, 5:00 7:50, 10:40 GP
CINEMA 4 THE KINGDOM 11:00, 1:20, 3:40 6:00, 8:20, 10:35 R-13
CINEMA 5 THE GOLDEN COMPASS 10:40, 1:30, 4:20 7:10, 10:00 GP
TICKET PRICES & SCREENING TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. FOR CINEMA INQUIRIES, CALL: 722 4496.

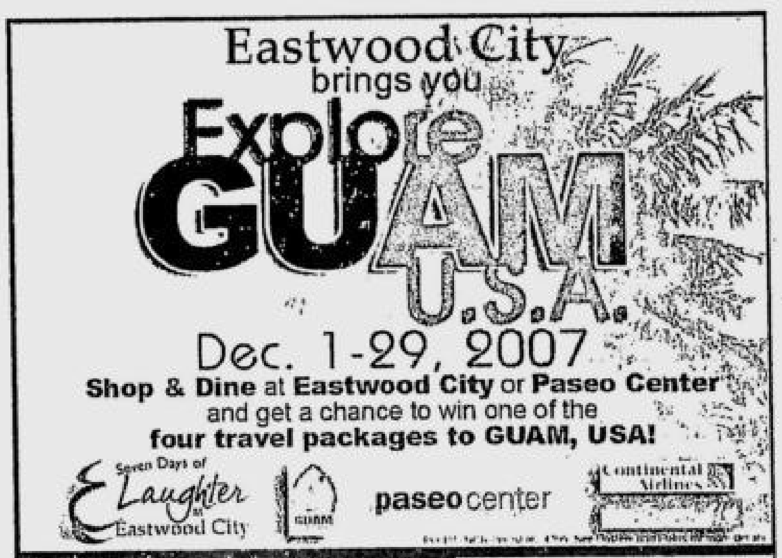
MUSIC MUSEUM

December 14, 2007	Mark Herras	8:00 PM
December 15, 2007	The Company	8:00 PM
December 19, 2007	Pilita Corales, Dolphy, Malou Barry	8:30 PM
December 28, 2007	Pooh	8:00 PM

TEATRINO PROMENADE GREENHILLS

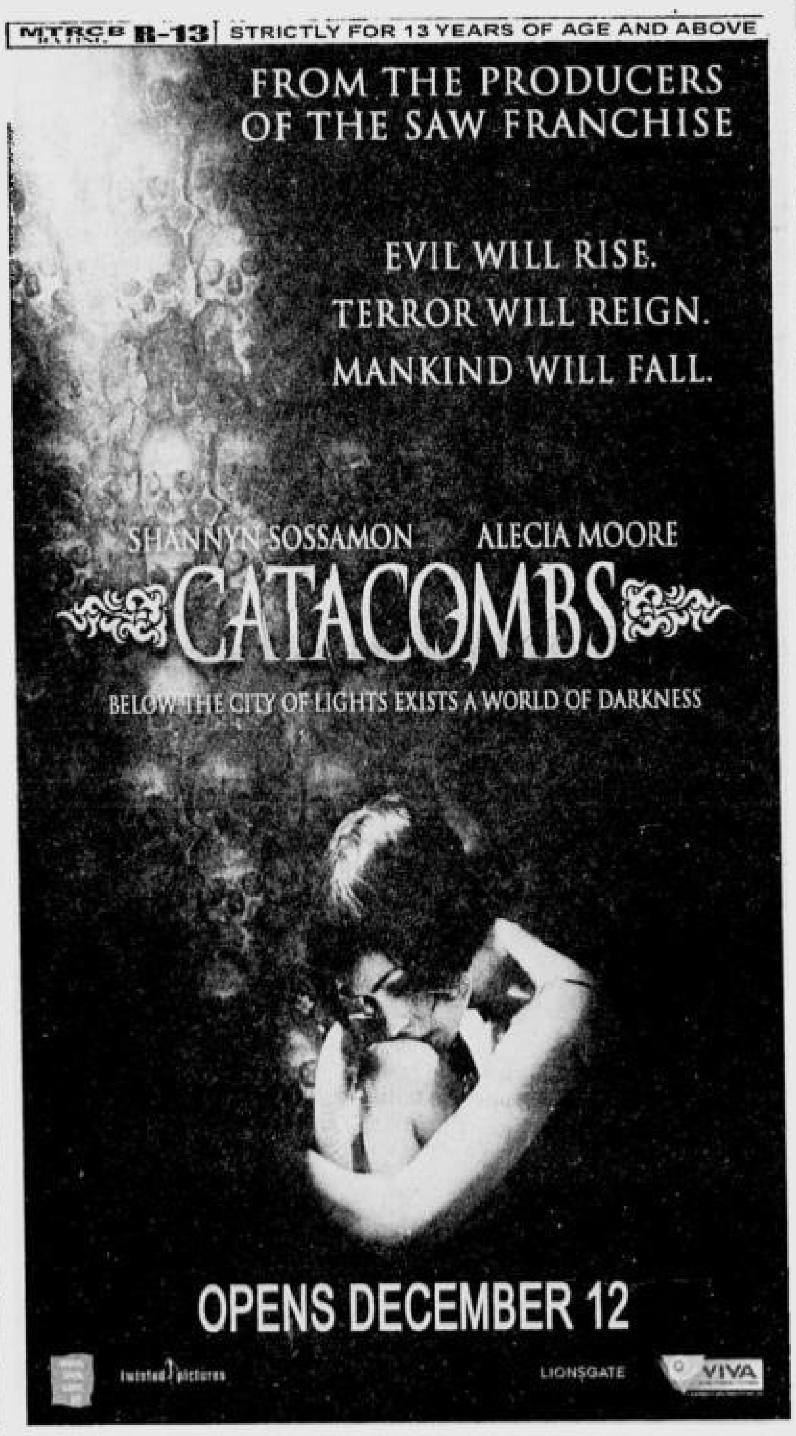
December 20, 2007	Jed Madela	8:00 PM
December 8, 28 & 29, 2007	Drag - Ons	10:00 PM

FOR INQUIRIES PLS. CALL 722-4532 LOC 116



Eastwood City brings you Explore GUAM U.S.A.
Dec. 1-29, 2007
Shop & Dine at Eastwood City or Paseo Center and get a chance to win one of the four travel packages to GUAM, USA!
Seven Days of Laughter at Eastwood City
paseocenter
Continental Airlines

EASTWOOD CINEMAS
DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND·EX
Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City
E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave. (C-5) Quezon City
To receive Eastwood City Events, Promos and Cinema schedule just text eastwood and send to 2948 for Globe, Smart & Sun Cellular subscribers
For inquiries, call:
687-6963
GUARANTEED SEATS
MOVIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE
1 ENCHANTED 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35 G
THE GOLDEN COMPASS 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40 PG-13
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS 2:10, 5:10, 8:10 PG-13
4 THE KINGDOM 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35 R-13



MTRCB R-13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE
FROM THE PRODUCERS OF THE SAW FRANCHISE
EVIL WILL RISE.
TERROR WILL REIGN.
MANKIND WILL FALL.
SHANNYN SOSSAMON ALECIA MOORE
CATACOMBS
BELOW THE CITY OF LIGHTS EXISTS A WORLD OF DARKNESS
OPENS DECEMBER 12
twisted pictures LIONSGATE VIVA

MMTA
METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION
MOVIE GUIDE
NOW SHOWING

CINEPLEX
1 (DOLBY) THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 (DOLBY) ENCHANTED
3 (DOLBY) BEOWULF / HITMAN
4 (DOLBY) THE KINGDOM
PREMIERE
DOLBY THE GOLDEN COMPASS

Masagana CINEMA
(Pasay) tel 833.3290 / 833.3274
1 PASUKOB
2 THE GOLDENT COMPASS
3 BATANES

Center Mall Cinema
Baguio Center Mall, Magsaysay Avenue (Baguio City) tel (074)- (4449346)
1 LIONS FOR LAMBS / BEOWULF
2 THE GOLDENT COMPASS

Jade Cinema
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03
1 THE GOLDENT COMPASS
2 BATANES
3 PASUKOB
4 GAME PLAN

CINEMA 2000
Cinema 2000 Waltermart Makati
Waltermart Center, Chino Roces Ave. cor. Antonio Arnaiz Pio del Pilar, Makati City Tel 816.4214 / 816.4216
1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 THE KINGDOM
3 BATANES
4 PASUKOB

Centre Plaza Cinema
(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007
1 PASUKOB
2 BATANES

EASTWOOD CINEMAS
(Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave (C-5) Quezon City) tel 687.6963 or 72
1 (DOLBY) ENCHANTED
2 (DOLBY) THE GOLDENT COMPASS
3 (DOLBY) THE GOLDENT COMPASS
4 (DOLBY) THE KINGDOM

starmall EDSA SHAW
(Mandaluyong) tel. 7266150
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL EX) BATANES
5

metropolis star cinema
www.clickthecity.com.ph
(ALABANG) tel. 8604265, 5433694
1 BATANES
2 PASUKOB
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 BEOWULF

CINEMA 2000
Movie Theatres of the New Millenium

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383
1 BATANES
2 PASUKOB
3 THE GOLDENT COMPASS
4

THEATRES
1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 PASUKOB
3 BATANES

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
(Biñan) tel. (049) 4111146
1 RESERVED
2 RESERVED
3 RESERVED
4 RESERVED

PACIFIC MALL LUCENA CINEMAGIC
Pacific Mall Lucena Tel (042) 660-5271
1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 PASUKOB
3
4

Cinema 2000 Cinemagix
(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771
1 BATANES
2 PASUKOB
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

Cinema 2000 Metrotown
(Tarlac) tel (045) 982.1729
1 BATANES
2 PASUKOB
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 BEOWULF

Filinvest FESTIVAL CINEMA
(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72
1 EASTERN PROMISES
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
3 PASUKOB / HITMAN
4 ENCHANTED
5 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
6 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
7 THE KINGDOM
8 RESERVED
9 ONE MORE CHANCE
10 BATANES

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Plaridel) tel (044) 795.3320
1 GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BATANES
3 PASUKOB

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Gapan) tel. (044) 4867736
1 BATANES
2 PASUKOB

Lianas Cinema
(Pasig) tel 640.4748
1 GHOST SON
2 ONE MORE CHANCE

Blue Wave MARIKINA
Sumulong Highway cor. Mayor Gil Fernando Street, Sta. Niño, Marikina City tel. 9341927
1 (DOLBY) THE GOLDENT COMPASS
2 (DOLBY) BATANES
3 (DOLBY) THE GOLDENT COMPASS
4 (DOLBY) PASUKOB

Lianas Cinema
(Alabang) tel 850.1276
1 BATANES
2 SABIK SA PAG IBIG
3 LAMAT
4 PASUKOB

Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202
1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 SEX SCANDAL
3 BATANES
4 PASUKOB
5 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

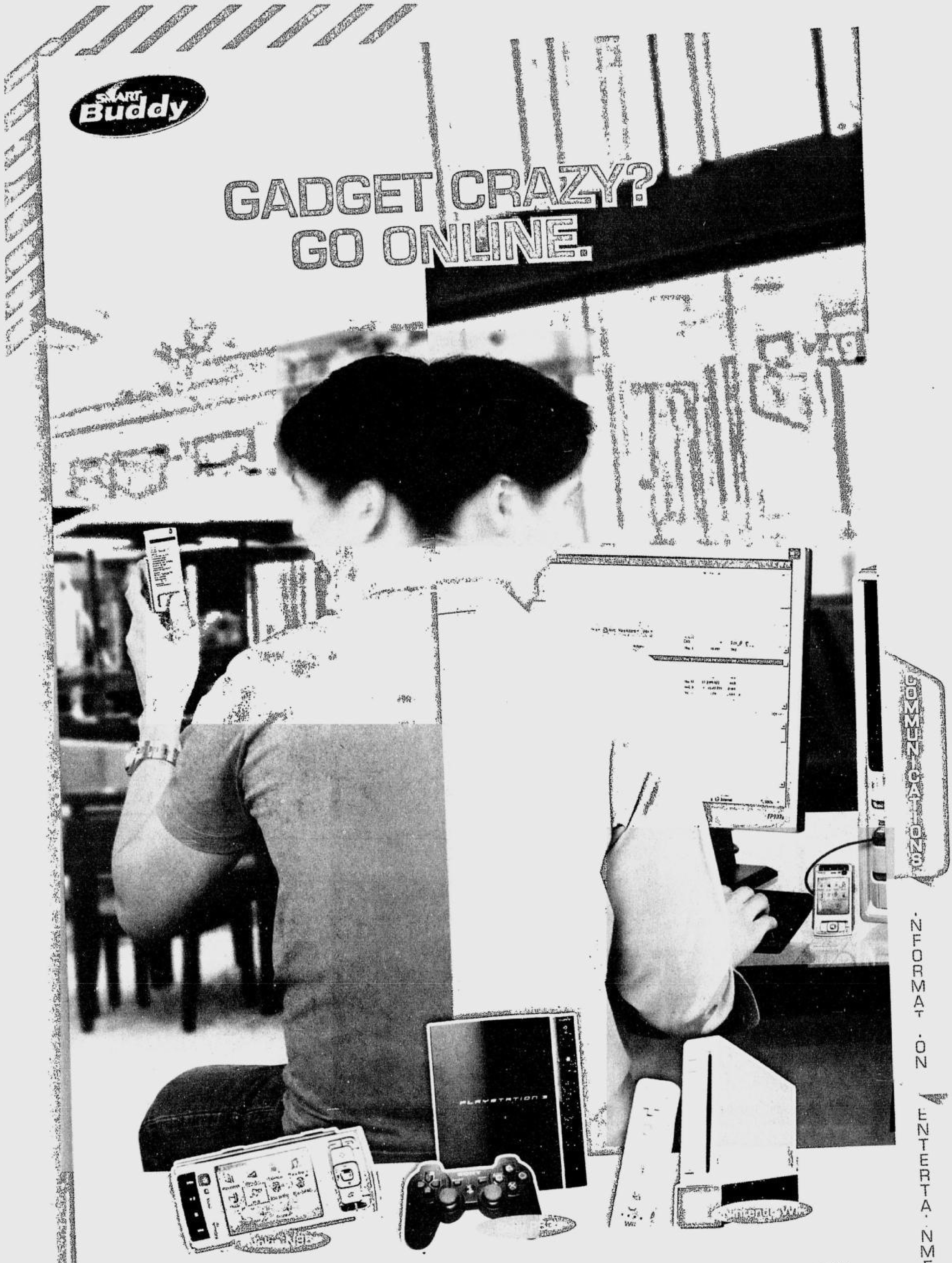
SUPER CINERAMA
Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto tel 7334228
1 RESERVED
2 RESERVED
3 RESERVED
4 THE GOLDENT COMPASS
5 BATANES

Fiesta World Mall
(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790
1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BATANES
3 PASUKOB
4 BEOWULF

MARKETPLACE
Mandaluyong tel 533.3851 / 533.3856
1 BATANES
2 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 PASUKOB

Berma Cinema
(Baclaran) tel 879.2030 / 879.2029
1 PLEASE CALL
2

MOVIES / SCHEDULES / PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE


SMART Buddy
GADGET CRAZY?
GO ONLINE.
PLAYSTATION 3
Nintendo Wii
COMMUNICATIONS
INFORMATION
ENTERTAINMENT
TRANSACTIONS

₱1 MILLION WORTH OF THE HOTTEST GADGETS TO BE GIVEN AWAY!

Ngayon, mas pinasaya pa ng leader ang **mobile internet browsing** mo!
₱10 for every 30 minutes lang, no per kilobyte charging pa!
May chance ka pang manalo ng Sony Playstation 3, Nokia N95 handset,
Ipod Touch, Nintendo Wii or a Macbook. Kaya mag-online na sa iyong
SMART cellphone or use it as a modem for your laptop or desktop.

Free registration – join now!

Via the SMART wapsite http://wap.smart.com.ph/internet
or text INTERNET <name/address/age> and send to 4040

Also open to all Gold and Talk N' Text 3G and GPRS users. See posters and flyers for details. Internet browsing rates are not applicable to SMART Corporate subscribers.
Promo not open to both Corporate accounts and SMART Bro Plan 799 subscribers.
Promo period: Dec. 1, 2007 to Feb. 29, 2008. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4575, Series of 2007.

SMART
THE POWER TO LEAD

MTV Summit set Wednesday

OUT OF SOME 40 ARTISTS performing at the "MTV Staying Alive Music Summit for HIV/Aids" on Wednesday, 4 p.m., at the SM Mall of Asia, five are relatively new names: Love Me Butch, Out of Body Special, Nameless Heroes, Day One Movement and Typecast. Log on to www.mtvphil.com.

Get a free PAL Roundtrip Ticket or a Mango Bracelet Watch with a new HSBC credit card. Call (02) 85-800 now!

Mabuhay Miles MANGO

HSBC
The world's local bank

Issued by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

Terms & Conditions apply. See application forms for details. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 5170 and 5128. Series of 2007

Anti-piracy bodies kiss and make up

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

THE HEADS OF THE OPTICAL MEdia Board and the Motion Picture Anti-Film Piracy Council, Inc. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Oct. 25.

In spite of the raging word war between Sen. Bong Revilla and OMB head Edu Manzano, Council president Ric Camaligan clarified that the two bodies would continue with their crusade against piracy.

Previously at loggerheads, the two bodies have agreed to "cooperate"—particularly in the area of information sharing, said Camaligan.

This was confirmed by Manzano who told INQUIRER Entertainment in a phone interview on Wednesday: "We've agreed to share intelligence information."

Camaligan recounted that the MOU was signed in the presence of Sec. Cerge Remonde, head of the Presidential Management Staff, and Director Marietta Tamondong, also of the PMS.

Camaligan said that the MOU affirms that the Council, as a stakeholder in the movie industry, should be actively involved in the fight against piracy.

Meanwhile, the Council is pursuing its rewards program for moviegoers who report pirates copying movies in theaters with digital or cell phone cameras. The Council has awarded from P10,000 to P20,000 to at least 10 people since the program began five months ago.

Subastahan sa Paskuhan

ASIATRUST

DECEMBER 19, 2007
Max's Restaurant Gateway, Cubao, Quezon

Registration: 4:00 P.M.
Auction Proper: 5:00 P.M.

TAGAYTAY RESIDENTIAL LOTS
CANYON WOODS PHASES 2 &3B
Brgy. San Gregorio Laurel

LOT AREA	MIN. BID PRICE	LOT AREA	MIN. BID PRICE
296 sqm.	P 1,598,400	498 sqm.	P 2,689,200
300 sqm.	P 1,620,000	510 sqm.	P 2,754,000
349 sqm.	P 1,884,600	536 sqm.	P 2,894,400
411 sqm.	P 2,219,400	568 sqm.	P 3,067,200

10% INTEREST PER ANNUM
10% DOWN-PAYMENT
10 YEARS TO PAY
P5,400 per sqm.

with over 30 lots available

Show money P25,000 cash or Managers Check per property payable to ASIATRUST BANK. All properties for sale are on "as is where is" basis. Properties are subject to change without prior notice. The OWNER reserves the right at anytime to pull out, to correct errors in prices, terms, details & status of the properties in the event descrepancies are found.

FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL THE PROPERTY FORUM PHILS.,
MONDAY TO SUNDAY, 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
TEL. NOS.: (02) 534-9536 / 5346954
CELLPHONE NO.: 0921-6722888

Auction conducted by [illegible]

Beauty made more Affordable / 20% off*
(Dec. 1 - 31, 2007)
(As per DTI-NCR Permit # 5632 series of 2007)

Dermstrata
Skin Clinic and Spa

Indulge.
Love yourself

*Discount is not applicable on dermatological and surgical procedures, medicines and packaged treatments.

IPL Depilation (Permanent Hair Removal) • Lumina Therapy (Wrinkle and Pore Minimizer) • Thermasculpt (Non-Surgical Body Sculpting) • Thermalift (Non-Surgical Face Lift) • Crystal Resurfacing (Micro-Dermabrasion)

Park Square 2 Makati / 8159667 Ever Gotesco Commonwealth / 9526421 SM Manila / 5229997 Facial Glow by Dermstrata, SM Manila / 4042870 Festival Supermall / 8077398 Annapolis Greenhills / 7244082 Isetann Recto / 7363781 Market! Market! Global City / 7582203 Novaliches Shopping Mall / 9399018 Robinsons Fairview / 9389667 SM Bacoor / (046) 4177986 SM Cagayan de Oro / (088) 8591167 SM Dasmarinas / (046) 4323043 SM Marilao / (044) 2388045 SM Pampanga / (045) 9616962 SM Southmall / 8064319 SM Centerpoint / 7153988 Sta. Lucia East / 6818491 SM Bicutan / 8240254 SM Fairview / 9377710SM San Lazaro / 7862437 SM North Edsa The Block / 4420375 SM Valenzuela / 2921939 SM Sta. Rosa / (049) 5344659 SM Lucena / (042) 3735412 SM Mall of Asia / 5560437 TriNoma / 9166170 Greenbelt / 7519520

Wise men shop here

Searching for that perfect gift for that special someone? Take a ride to GSC where everything from jewelry to furniture to unique home decors are at bargain prices! Great holiday finds are endless in over 2000 stalls sa Greenhills Christmas Bangketa Fair at pwede pang mag shop 'til sawa sa Greenhills Night Market! This Christmas, all roads lead to Greenhills Shopping Center.

BPI VISA MasterCard credit cards now accepted at all tiangge stalls.

GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER
Shop & Live!

only until January 06, 2008

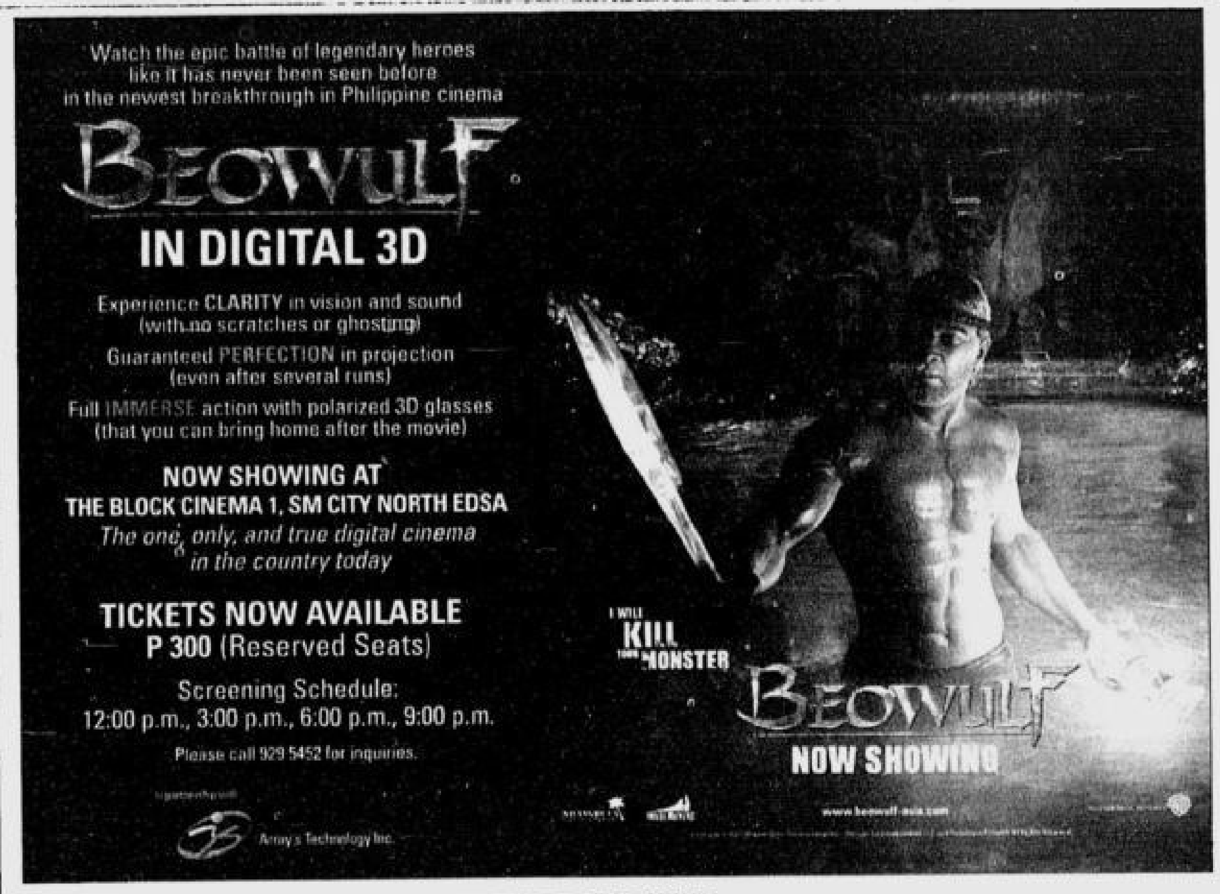
SM CINEMA
SHARE A MOVIE WITH A LOVED ONE

movietime™ SHOWTiME

VISIT WWW.SMCINEMA.COM
* Powered by WWW.YEHEY.COM

Your life as a movie

BIG MOVIES • BIG STARS • BIG SHOWS • BIG EVENTS



Watch the epic battle of legendary heroes
like it has never been seen before
in the newest breakthrough in Philippine cinema

BEOWULF
IN DIGITAL 3D

Experience CLARITY in vision and sound
(with no scratches or ghosting)
Guaranteed PERFECTION in projection
(even after several runs)
Full IMMERSE action with polarized 3D glasses
(that you can bring home after the movie)

NOW SHOWING AT
THE BLOCK CINEMA 1, SM CITY NORTH EDSA
The one, only, and true digital cinema in the country today

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE
P 300 (Reserved Seats)

Screening Schedule:
12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

Please call 929 5452 for inquiries.

Array's Technology Inc.

METRO MANILA

SM MALL OF ASIA 556-0104

IMAX

BEOWULF 3D Admission Price: P400
11:30 AM • 2:00 PM • 6:00 PM
DEEP SEA 3D Admission Price: P250
4:30 PM

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 HITMAN
3 ENCHANTED
4 THE KINGDOM
5 PASUKOB
6 BATANES

PREMIERE CINEMA
ONE MORE CHANCE
CENTERSTAGE
THE GOLDEN COMPASS
DIRECTOR'S CLUB
Bookings now accepted. Inquire at 556-2314.

THE PODIUM
CINEMA 1
THE KINGDOM
CINEMA 2
THE GOLDEN COMPASS
For ticket reservations, dial 6338976
All major credit cards accepted

SM NORTH EDSA 929-5452

1 BEOWULF (DIGITAL 3D)
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
3 ENCHANTED
4 HITMAN
5 ONE MORE CHANCE
6 THE KINGDOM
7 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
8 BATANES
9 MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM
10 EASTERN PROMISES
11 PASUKOB
12 BEOWULF

SM MEGACINEMA 633-1901

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BEOWULF
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM
5 ONE MORE CHANCE
6 THE KINGDOM
7 NARS
8 BATANES
9 EASTERN PROMISES
10 PASUKOB
11 HITMAN
12 ENCHANTED

SM CITY FAIRVIEW 935-0749

1 FRED CLAUSE
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
3 PASUKOB
4 HITMAN
5 ONE MORE CHANCE
6 ENCHANTED
7 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
8 BATANES
9 BEOWULF
10 THE KINGDOM
11 MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM
12 NARS

SM CITY BICUTAN 776-3055

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BATANES
3 PASUKOB
4 THE KINGDOM

SM CITY SAN LAZARO 786-2488

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 THE KINGDOM
3 ENCHANTED
4 BATANES/ NARS
5 PASUKOB
6 ONE MORE CHANCE

SM CITY SUCAT 829-4975

1 BATANES
2 PASUKOB
3 GOLDEN COMPASS
4 THE KINGDOM

SM SOUTHMALL 806-6888

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BATANES
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 EASTERN PROMISES
5 PASUKOB
6 ENCHANTED
7 HITMAN
8 BEOWULF
9 NARS

SM CITY STA. MESA 716-1416

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BEOWULF
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
5 BATANES
6 PASUKOB
7 ENCHANTED
8 FRED CLAUSE
9 THE KINGDOM
10 HITMAN

NOW OPEN
SM SUPERCENTER MUNTINLUPA 862 5693

1 ONE MORE CHANCE
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
3 THE KINGDOM
4 PASUKOB

SM CITY MANILA 523-9240

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 THE KINGDOM
3 BATANES
4 PASUKOB
5 ONE MORE CHANCE
6 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
7 BEOWULF
8 EASTERN PROMISES
9 NARS
10 MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM
11 HITMAN
12 ENCHANTED

SM VALENZUELA 293-3917

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BEOWULF
3 PASUKOB
4 ONE MORE CHANCE

THE GOLDEN COMPASS

Watch one of this year's most anticipated films at SM Cinema and bring home exclusive items in the:

THE GOLDEN COMPASS
WATCH-AND-WIN PROMO

Buy 2 tickets of the movie at any participating SM Cinema branch in Metro Manila for your chance to win any of these exclusive items:

Shirts
Metal Ornaments
Lunch Coolers
Key Chains

Over 100 items to be given away!
Please see promo banners for more details.
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4639, Series of 2007.

NOW SHOWING

SM CINEMA · THE PODIUM

Distributed by: STAR FILMS, INC.
Media Partner:

LUZON

SM CITY BACOOR (046)417-3868

1 HITMAN
2 ENCHANTED
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 ONE MORE CHANCE
5 BATANES
6 PASUKOB
7 THE KINGDOM
8 BEOWULF

SM CITY MARILAO (044)9332013-17

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 PASUKOB/ FRED CLAUSE
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 THE KINGDOM/ BEOWULF

SM SUPERCENTER MOLINO (046)474-3160

1 PASUKOB
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 BATANES

SM CITY DASMARINAS (046)4323201-04

1 THE GAME PLAN
2 HITMAN
3 PASUKOB
4 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

NOW OPEN
SM CITY TAYTAY 286-2502 to 04

1 PASUKOB
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
3 BATANES

SM CITY LIPA (043) 784-0187

1 ONE MORE CHANCE
2 PASUKOB
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 BEOWULF

SM CITY PAMPANGA (045)9637681-85

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 THE GAMEPLAN
3 BEOWULF
4 BATANES
5 ONE MORE CHANCE
6 PASUKOB

SM CITY STA. ROSA (049)5349811

1 ONE MORE CHANCE
2 BATANES
3 FRED CLAUSE/ PASUKOB
4 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

SM CITY LUCENA (042)7108977-80

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 PASUKOB
4 HITMAN

SM CITY BAGUIO (074)6197838-39

1 ENCHANTED/ LIONS FOR LAMBS
2 PASUKOB
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

SM CITY CLARK (045)625-5844-45

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 ENCHANTED
3 THE GAME PLAN
4 ONE MORE CHANCE
5 PASUKOB
6 BATANES

SM CITY BATANGAS 885-6401-04

1 LIONS FOR LAMBS
2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 PASUKOB

VISAYAS MINDANAO

SM CITY DAVAO (082)2976998

1 HITMAN
2 NARS/ BATANES
3 PASUKOB
4 11TH HOUR
5 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
6 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

SM CAGAYAN DE ORO (088)859-2884

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 HITMAN
3 PASUKOB
4 BEOWULF

SM CITY ILOILO (033)3209422

1 THE GAME PLAN
2 BATANES
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
5 ENCHANTED
6 THE KINGDOM
7 RESERVED
8 PASUKOB

SM CITY CEBU (032)231-3876

1 HITMAN
2 ENCHANTED
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 THE NANNY DIARIES
5 ONE MORE CHANCE
6 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
7 PASUKOB
8 BATANES

SM CITY BACOLOD (034) 708 1010

1 THE GAME PLAN
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
3 LIONS FOR LAMBS
4 PASUKOB

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MOVIE LISTING, MTRCB RATING, SCREENING SCHEDULES AND THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AT SM CINEMA

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMAS MOVIE GUIDE

MOVIEWORLD

www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

MOVIES/SCHEDULES/PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

GALLERIA

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS • THX
2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30

2 MR. MAGORIUM's 12:00 2:00
THE GOLDEN COMPASS 4:00 6:30 9:00

3 indieSine: KONTRA AGOS
1:00 3:00 4:30 7:00 9:00

4 BEOWULF
12|20 2:45 5:10

5 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00

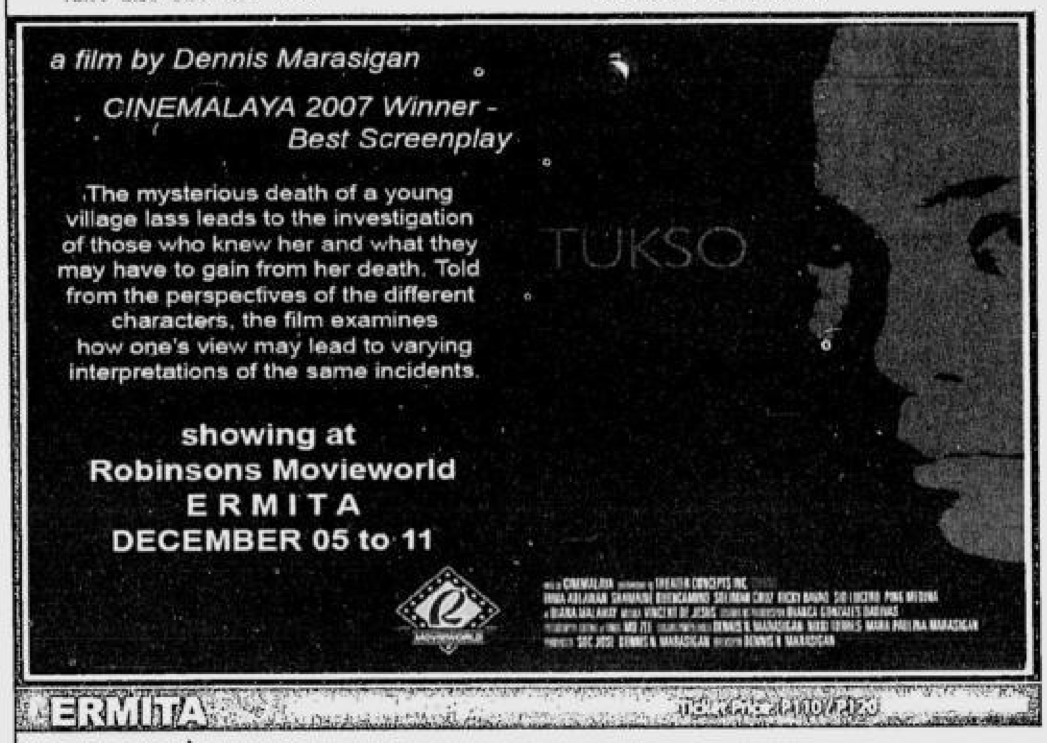
6 HITMAN
1:40 3:40 5:40 7:40 9:40

7 ENCHANTED 12:40 3:00
THE KINGDOM 5:20 7:40 10:00

8 BATANES
1:00 3:15 5:30 7:45 10:00

9 ONE MORE CHANCE
12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

10 BEOWULF
1:00 3:10 5:20 7:30 9:40



a film by Dennis Marasigan

CINEMALAYA 2007 Winner - Best Screenplay

The mysterious death of a young village lass leads to the investigation of those who knew her and what they may have to gain from her death. Told from the perspectives of the different characters, the film examines how one's view may lead to varying interpretations of the same incidents.

showing at
Robinsons Movieworld
ERMITA
DECEMBER 05 to 11

ERMITA

Ticket Price: P110/ P120

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
11:20 1:40 4:00 6:20 8:40

2 indieSine: TUKSO
12:55 2:40 4:25 6:10 7:55 9:40

3 BEOWULF 12:00 2:10 4:20
HITMAN 6:35 8:20 10:00

4 MR. MAGORIUM's 12:30 2:15
THE GOLDEN COMPASS 4:40 7:00 9:25

5 ONE MORE CHANCE
12:40 2:55 5:10 7:25 9:40

6 THE KINGDOM 11:35 1:40 3:45
ENCHANTED 5.50 7:55 10:00

7 PASUKOB
12:20 2:20 4:20 6:20 8:20 10:00

Midtown

1 EASTERN PROMISES
12:25 2:20 4:15 6:10 8:05 10:00

2 BATANES
12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00

3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00

A FILM BY SOCKIE FERNANDEZ

GULONG is a moving love story of a couple separated by time, who find themselves together again in the sunset of their lives. It is about friendship, love and life. The story is told from the point of view of Apao, a smart, kindhearted boy whose quest for an old bicycle reveals the stuff he is made of.

watch this only at Robinsons Movieworld Ermita
MTRCB Rating: G
December 05 to 11

METRO EAST

[illegible]

1 ENCHANTED
1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 9:00

2 PASUKOB
12:30 2:40 4:50 7:00 9:10

3 ONE MORE CHANCE
11:20 1:40 4:00 6:25 9:00

4 THE KINGDOM
12:05 2:15 4:25 6:35 9:00

5 BEOWULF 12:30 2:35
HITMAN 5:00 7:00 9:00

6 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
1:40 4:10 6:40

7 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
11:10 1:40 4:10 6:40 9:10

8 BATANES
11:50 2:10 4:30 6:50 9:10

NOVALICHES

Ticket Price: P90/ P100 936-3231 / 936-3229-30

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 PASUKOB
3 ENCHANTED
4 BATANES

PIONEER

687-5378

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
3 PASUKOB
4 BATANES

STA. ROSA

Ticket Price: P80/ P90 (049) 837-0907

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 FRED CLAUS
3 PASUKOB
4 BATANES

LIPA

Price: P90 (043) 757-3664 (043) 312-5870

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 PASUKOB
3 LIONS FOR LAMBS
4 BATANES

DASMARIÑAS

Ticket Price: P80 / P90 (046) 416-4332

1 GAEM PLAN
2 HITMAN
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 PASUKOB
5 BATANES

IMUS

Ticket Price: P100 (046) 875-3838 (046) 471-8188

1 PASUKOB
2 THE KINGDOM
3 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
4 BATANES

ANGELES

Ticket Price: P90 /P95 (045) 892-2348

1 GAME PLAN
2 PASUKOB
3 BATANES
4 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

TARLAC

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BEOWULF
3 BATANES

STARMILLS

Ticket Price: P80 / P90 (045) 875-1927

1 ENCHANTED
2 BATANES
3 ONE MORE CHANCE
4 PASUKOB
5 GAME PLAN
6 THE GOLDEN COMPASS

BACOLOD

Ticket Price: P70 (034) 441-0459

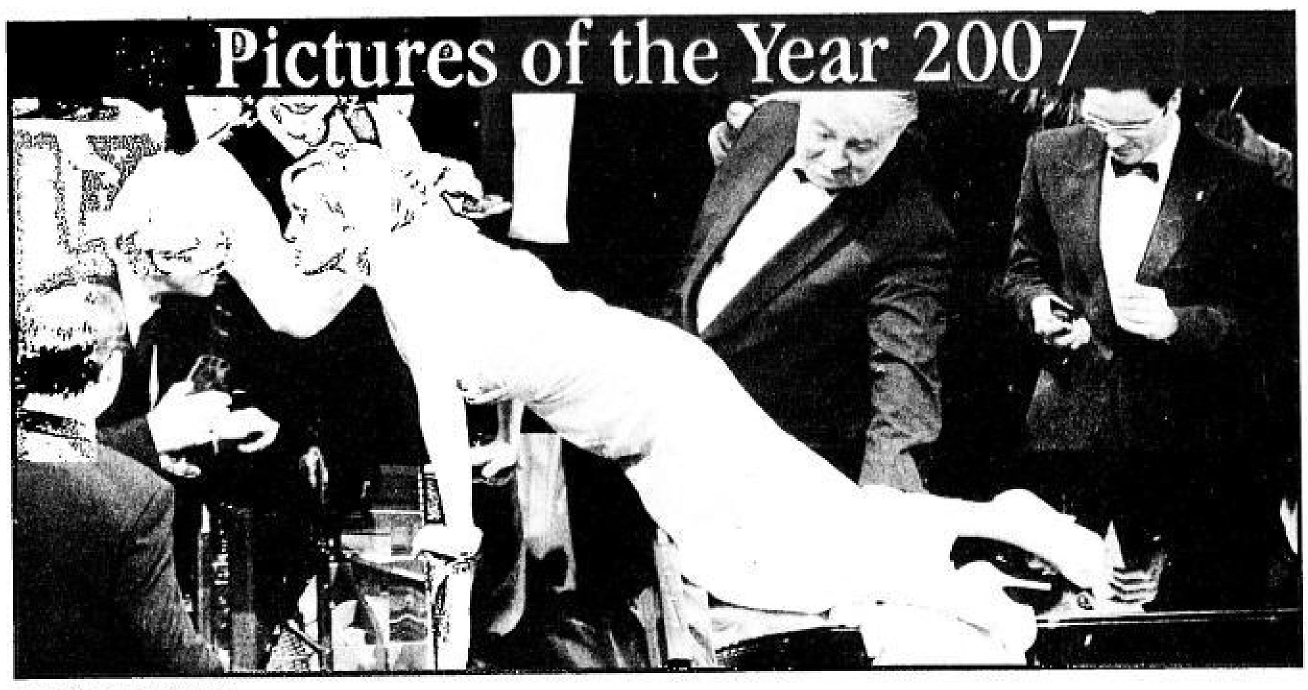
1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 GAME PLAN
3 indieSine: KONTRA AGOS / PASUKOB
4 WE OWN THE NIGHT
5 LIONS FOR LAMB
6 BATANES

ILOILO

Ticket Price: P70.50 / P80.50 (033) 338-8070

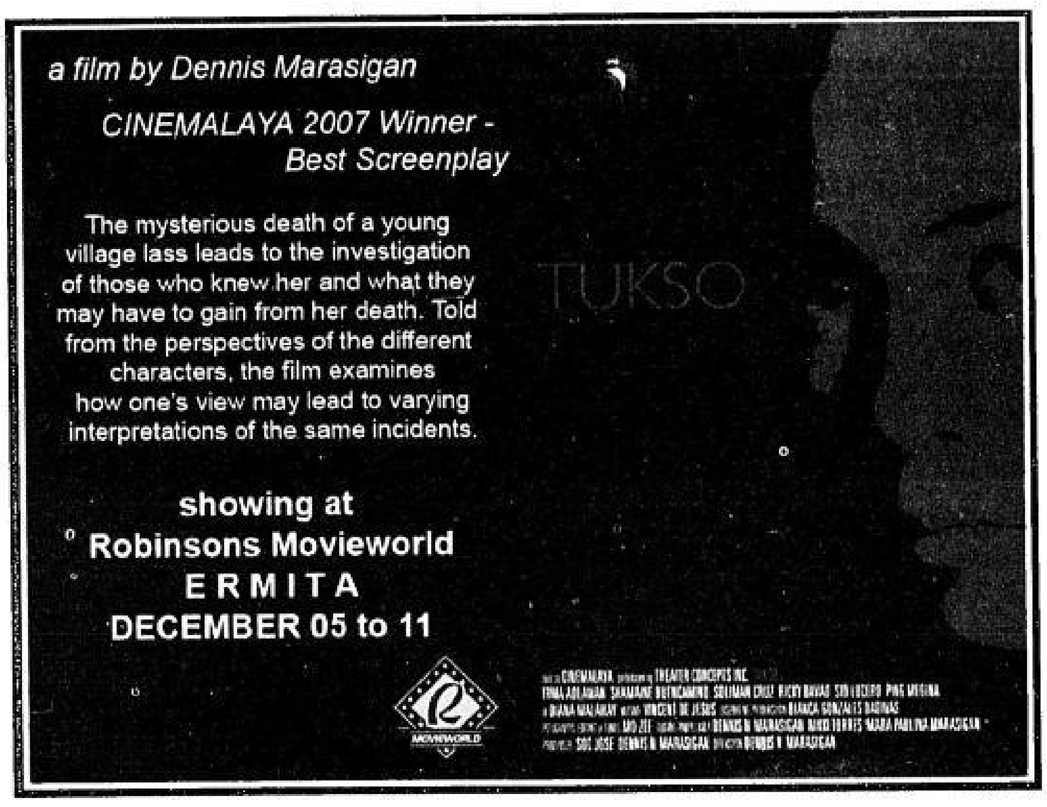
1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 THE KINGDOM
3 PASUKOB
4 GAME PLAN
5 BATANES
6 WE OWN THE NIGHT

Pictures of the Year 2007



FOR YOUR KISS In the (Reuters News Pictures Service) Pictures of the Year 2007 folder is this one of Hollywood temptress Sharon Stone (above) risking body and limbs for a kiss with co-actor Richard Gere at the Cinema for Peace 2007 charity gala in Berlin, in February.

Also this one of Jeff Bridges hugging Michelle Pfeiffer a tad too tightly during ceremonies on Aug. 6 unveiling Pfeiffer's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood. They co-starred in 1989's "The Fabulous Baker Boys."


a film by Dennis Marasigan

CINEMALAYA 2007 Winner - Best Screenplay

The mysterious death of a young village lass leads to the investigation of those who knew her and what they may have to gain from her death. Told from the perspectives of the different characters, the film examines how one's view may lead to varying interpretations of the same incidents.

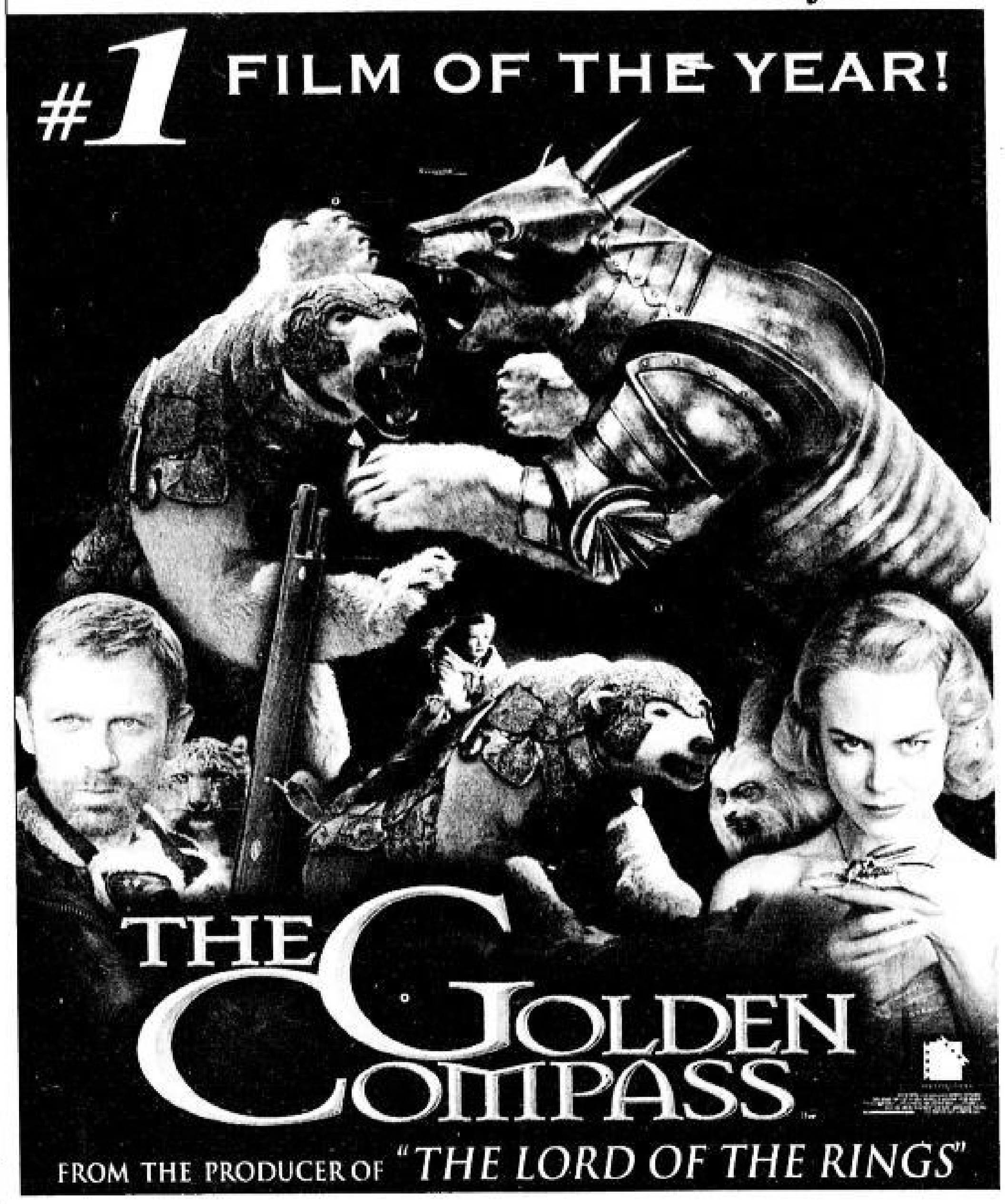
TUKSO

showing at
Robinsons Movieworld
ERMITA
DECEMBER 05 to 11

MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13 | Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult

NOW SHOWING

"IN THE TRADITION OF *THE LORD OF THE RINGS* AND *HARRY POTTER*, **THE GOLDEN COMPASS** TAKES ITS PLACE AMONGST THE **GREAT FANTASY FILMS** OF ALL TIME."
~ Ben Lyons / E!


#1 FILM OF THE YEAR!

THE GOLDEN COMPASS

FROM THE PRODUCER OF *"THE LORD OF THE RINGS"*

"MAGNIFICENT" ...BAZ BAMIGBOYE, THE DAILY MAIL

"A GLORIOUS AND SUMPTUOUS EPIC" SUNDAY MIRROR

WOMAN WARRIOR QUEEN
KATE BLANCHETT
GEOFFREY RUSH CLIVE OWEN
ELIZABETH
THE GOLDEN AGE
IN THEATERS DEC. 12

AT THE CINEMAS

Reserve your tickets by texting SURESEATS GB3 or SURESEATS G4 to 2333 (Globe) or 211 (Smart) or log on to www.sureseats.com for web reservations.
Movie schedules may change without prior notice. For verification, please call 729-7777

Cinema	No.	Film	
GLORIETTA 1	1	ONE MORE CHANCE	
	2	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	
	3	BATANES	
	4	PASUKOB	
GLORIETTA 4	1	ENCHANTED	
	2	THE KINGDOM	
	3 THX	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	GUARANTEED SEATS
	4	THE NAMESAKE	
	5	THE HITMAN	
	6	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	
	7	GONE BABY GONE	
GREENBELT 1	1	ENCHANTED	
	2	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	
GREENBELT 3	1 THX	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	GUARANTEED SEATS
	2 THX	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	GUARANTEED SEATS
	3	GONE BABY GONE	GUARANTEED SEATS
	4	EASTERN PROMISE	GUARANTEED SEATS
	5	FRED CLAUS	GUARANTEED SEATS
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 THX	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	
	2	THE KINGDOM	
	3	EASTERN PROMISES	
	4	ENCHANTED	
	5	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	
	2	30 DAYS OF NIGHT	
	3	THE NANNY DIARIES	
	4	THE KINGDOM	
MARKET! MARKET!	1	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	
	2	THE KINGDOM	
	3	ONE MORE CHANCE	
	4	BATANES	
	5	PASUKOB	
TRINOMA	1	BATANES	
	2	ONE MORE CHANCE	
	3	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	GUARANTEED SEATS
	4	EASTERN PROMISES	GUARANTEED SEATS
	5	ENCHANTED	
	6	THE KINGDOM	
	7 THX	THE GOLDEN COMPASS	GUARANTEED SEATS

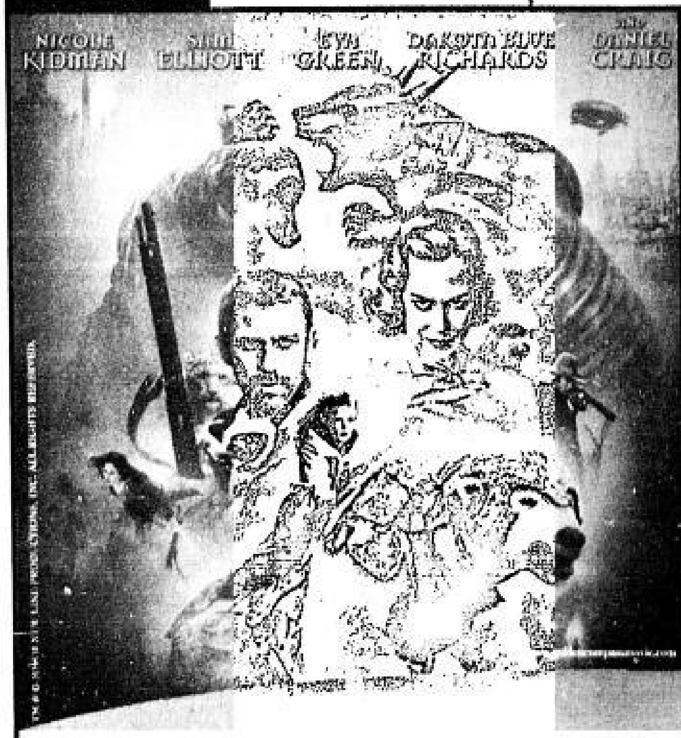
TRINOMA
- THX Certified
- All-Digital Sound
- All-Stadium Seating
- Computerized Ticketing System
- Recliner Seats

AT THE MALLS

CONCIERGE HOTLINE NUMBERS:
Glorietta - 752 7272
Greenbelt - 757 4853 to 54
Alabang Town Center - 842 2782; 772 1860
Ayala Center Cebu - (032) 231 5342 loc. 324
Market! Market! - 886 7519
TriNoma - 901 3000

Ayala Malls

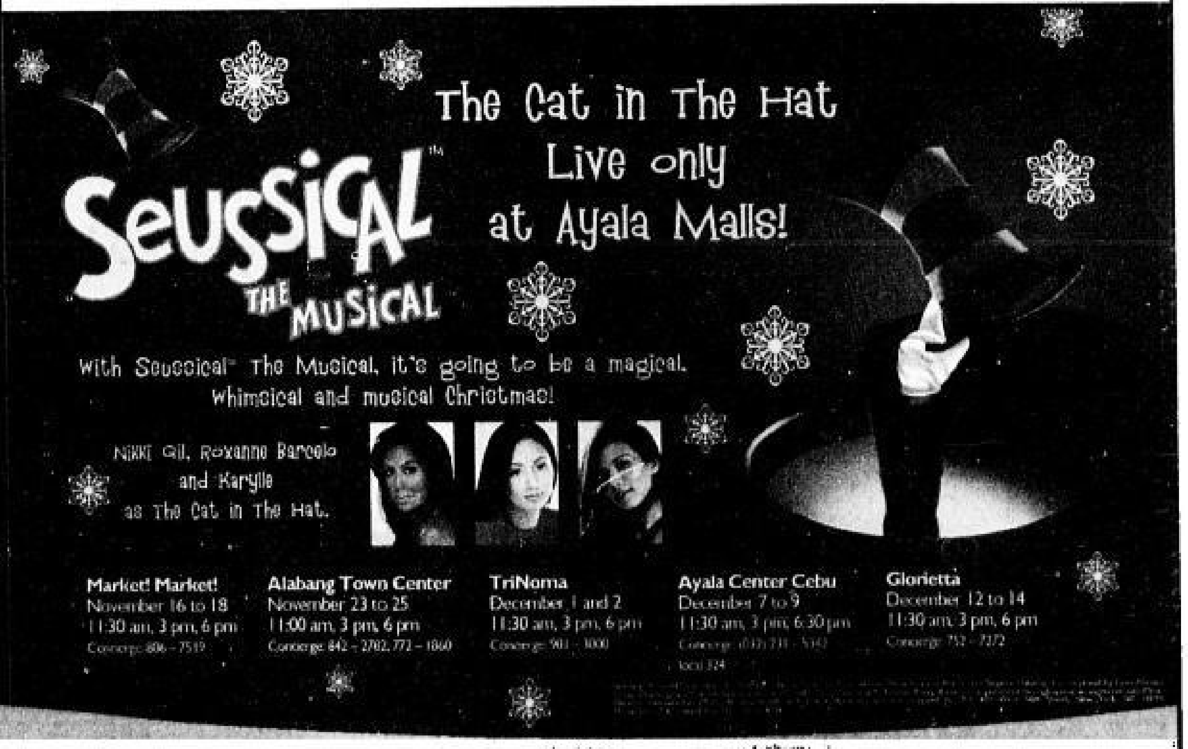
Mall	Event
glorietta	Philippine Madrigal Singers with Robert Seña and Isay Alvarez December 8; 6pm; Glorietta 4 Park
GREENBELT	The Dawn Jazz Nights December 5; 7:30pm; Greenbelt 2 Al Fresco Area
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	Southern Musicians Concert December 9; 5pm; Town Plaza
AYALA CENTER CEBU	FREE Christmas Gift Bag for every P500 worth of purchase. See leaflets for details. Per DTI-Cebu Permit No. 584, Series of 2007 December 1 to 31
MARKET! MARKET!	Christmas Shoes: A Christmas Musicale December 6; 7pm; Activity Center
Greenbelt Onstage	Repertory Philippines presents FIDDLER ON THE ROOF November 9 - December 16, 2007 For inquiries, pls. call 887-0710 or visit www.repertory-philippines.com
Ayala MUSEUM	WATER: THE MEDIUM by Juvenal Sanso November 24 to January 13, 2008; Ground Floor Gallery For more info, pls. call 757-7117 to 21 loc. 14 or email museum_inquiry@ayalamuseum.org
TriNoma	Christmas Chorale featuring Martin Nievera December 6; 6pm; Activity Center Rhythm Academy: Sam Concepcion with the Augustinian Larks December 9; 6pm; Activity Center


NICOLE KIDMAN SAM ELLIOTT EVA GREEN DAKOTA BLUE RICHARDS AND DANIEL CRAIG

Watch
THE GOLDEN COMPASS
at
THX
CERTIFIED CINEMAS

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC
AS IT WAS TRULY CREATED
FOR YOU

THX Cinemas. True to life. True to movies.
For screening schedules, pls. call 729-7777
Log on to www.sureseats.com for web reservation


SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

The Cat in The Hat
Live only
at Ayala Malls!

With Seussical™ The Musical, it's going to be a magical, whimsical and musical Christmas!

Nikki Gil, Roxanne Barcelo and Karylle as The Cat in The Hat.

Market! Market!
November 16 to 18
11:30 am, 3 pm, 6 pm
Concierge: 886 - 7519

Alabang Town Center
November 23 to 25
11:00 am, 3 pm, 6 pm
Concierge: 842 - 2782, 772 - 1860

TriNoma
December 1 and 2
11:30 am, 3 pm, 6 pm
Concierge: 901 - 3000

Ayala Center Cebu
December 7 to 9
11:30 am, 3 pm, 6:30 pm
Concierge: (032) 231 - 5342 local 324

Glorietta
December 12 to 14
11:30 am, 3 pm, 6 pm
Concierge: 752 - 7272

glorietta GREENBELT ALABANG TOWN AYALA CENTER CEBU MARKET! MARKET! TriNoma

Aga still in mourning for mom's passing

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

Roxanne on Jake Cuenca: We rock

AGA MUHLACH MISSES HIS BELOVED mom Anita who passed away recently. Morning (his pet name) is still in mourning.

"I had to stop shooting my movie with Anne Curtis," he sighs. "*Di ko pa kaya. Tumigil ang mundo ko*. I also have to lose a little more weight."

But he's slowly moving on. "I just comfort myself with the thought that my Mom is in a happier place," he says "*Tayo, nandito pa sa magulong mundo.*"

I've known Ags since his pre-"Bagets" days. I've seen how good a son he is. His mom didn't leave in vain. Everything Morning has become is the best tribute to Tita Anita. As he continues to shine, she will surely be watching over him, telling the angels, "That's my boy!"

No breakup

Roxanne Guinoo nixes rumors that she and **Jake Cuenca** have split up.

"Jake and I rock," she says. "We focus on work instead of getting affected by these issues."

So it isn't true that she got dead-drunk at a party because she was jealous of **Denise Laurel**?

"There was no reason for a jealousy attack," she insists. "I did drink to unwind. It was my first time to try hard drinks, so *medyo na*-tipsy *ako.*"

If there's anything she's intoxicated with, it's *l'amour*!

For all to see

Guess who this married young actor and single sexy actress are? They were seen kissing in a trendy bar, oblivious to onlookers. Unable to stop themselves, they proceeded to the pad of a mutual friend.

The actor's non-show biz wife is quite *mataray*, so he'd better clean up his act. Was it just a one-night stand or is it a full-blown affair?

Where's the line?

"Batanes" boasts of splendid cinematography, but its story could have been given a deeper dimension. The film should have explored some aspects of the Ivatan culture instead of just focusing on the breathtaking sights.

Watching **Iza Calzado**'s character, I began to question what I've always believed in, that deep feelings are not transferable. Where's the line between loving someone as a temporary substitute and as a suitable replacement for one great love lost? Must we settle for an Insignificant Other just to fill the void?

Cameo role

My love-struck "sistah," Dr. **Vicki Belo**, is thrilled that her BF, Dr. **Hayden Kho**, has a cameo role in "Marimar."

"The show biz bug has bit him," she beams. "I hope he's just in it for fun."

Hayden's heart will never be lost though because it has found its home in Vicki.

Going strong

Pauleen Luna is overjoyed that her relationship with Mayor **Sherwin Gatchalian** is going strong. "He has taught me how to love unconditionally," she beams. In her multiply.com site, their sweet photos are labeled "I still have a million years to love Win. A bazillion heartbeats that will beat for him and a katrillion more kisses to be exchanged."

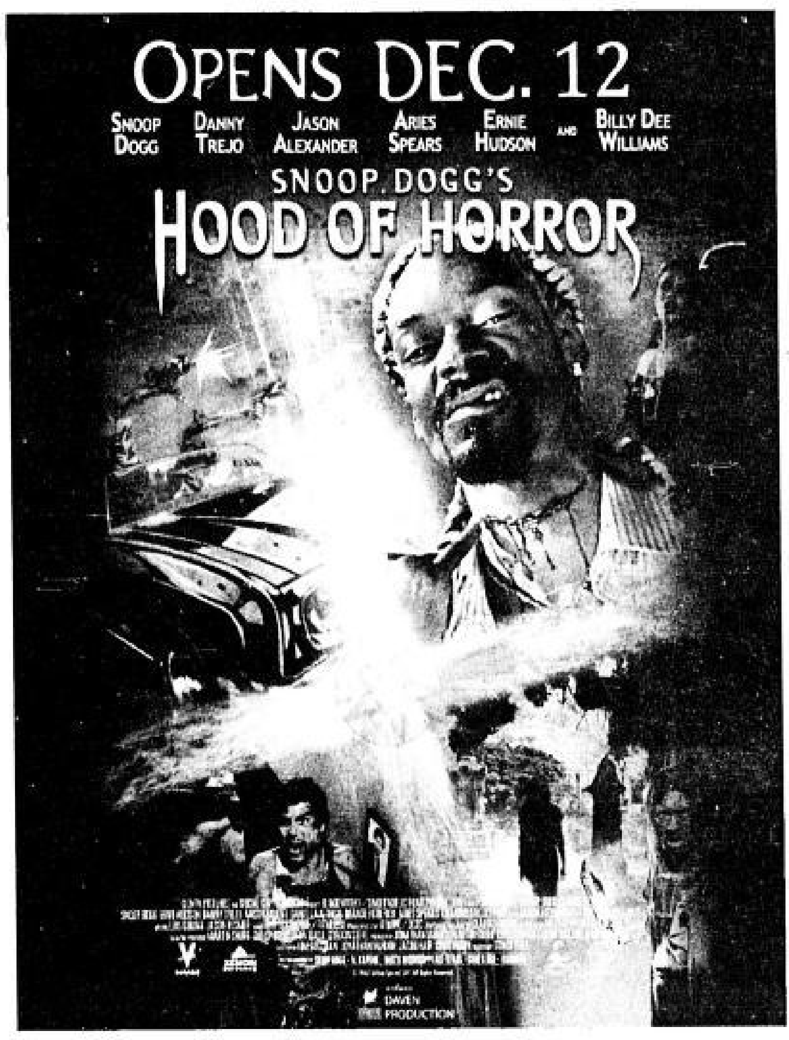
That's a whole lot of love.

Her life in music

Juday's 20 phenomenal years in show biz is immortalized in Star Records' "Judy Ann Santos: Musika Ng Buhay Ko." It's the soundtrack of her life, containing songs closest to her heart, like **Ogie Alcasid**'s "Kasama Kang Tumanda" and **Regine Velasquez**'s "Ikaw Lamang." The love of Juday's life, **Ryan Agoncillo**, was her fotog for the album cover and inside sleeves. Will they be working on a wedding songs CD next?

E-mail wateringholeshangrila@yahoo.com.

MTRCB RATING R-13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND UP.
OPENS DECEMBER 12
DEATH IS THE FINAL DESTINATION WHEN YOU CROSS THE DEMON'S PATH
FROM QUENTIN TARANTINO
THE DIRECTOR OF 'KILL BILL'
DEATH PROOF


OPENS DEC. 12
SNOOP DOGG
DANNY TREJO
JASON ALEXANDER
ARIES SPEARS
ERNIE HUDSON
AND
BILLY DEE WILLIAMS
SNOOP DOGG'S
HOOD OF HORROR
DAVEN PRODUCTION

PREMIERES TONIGHT!
CARTE POSTALE
Single Again
FALLING IN LOVE IS LIKE AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN.
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 PM
Asian MegaDramas
Q
Channel 11
Cebu / Davao Ch 27 Skycable Ch 24 Destiny Ch 15 Sun Ch 19

For Teeth's Sake!

Brush up on your toothbrush knowledge

It has been a familiar tool in your bathroom all your life - from the time milk teeth started jutting out of your young gums, even to the time you've lost all your real teeth and brushing your false dentures in your hand. Yes, the handy toothbrush has explored more of your mouth, and probably your personal grooming habits, than any other oral implement will ever do.

Without it, toothpaste loses its "bubbly" character (try putting toothpaste on your finger and rub your teeth with it - it's just not right). Sometimes, we "develop" a love relationship with a certain toothbrush that we absolutely hate to part with it (thus, running the bristles down to the base a year after). Ideally, a toothbrush is good for only three months. But then, "retired" toothbrushes retain their usefulness by becoming shoe brushes, or a brush for your neighborhood manicurist/pedicurist.

But how much do you know your toothbrush? Let's give this humble dental tool the respect it deserves by getting to know more about one of the few things in life we feel we really can't do without.

Wikipedia, the free Internet encyclopedia, defines the toothbrush as an instrument used to clean teeth, consisting of a small brush on a handle. Toothpaste, often containing fluoride, is commonly added to a toothbrush to aid in cleaning. Toothbrushes are offered with varying textures of bristles, and come in many different sizes and forms. Most dentists recommend using a toothbrush labeled "soft", since firmer bristled toothbrushes can damage tooth enamel

BRUSH/12

Christmas is merrier when your teeth shows! Brush after every Holiday meal

Teen Talk: It's a Hapee-world-of-Gels for us!

TEEN-AGE LIFE IS ALWAYS EXCITING, dramatic and fun. You're curious about so many things, you become suddenly conscious of the latest trends and you find yourself wanting to spend more and more time with your friends. Sometimes, your mood changes from happy to melancholic faster than you could even utter the words "High School Musical"!

Relax! Don't panic because it's all part of being a teen. You're starting to develop your own taste and develop your own choices from the food you eat, clothes you wear, music you listen to and brands you trust for personal care....yes, even your own choice of toothpaste!

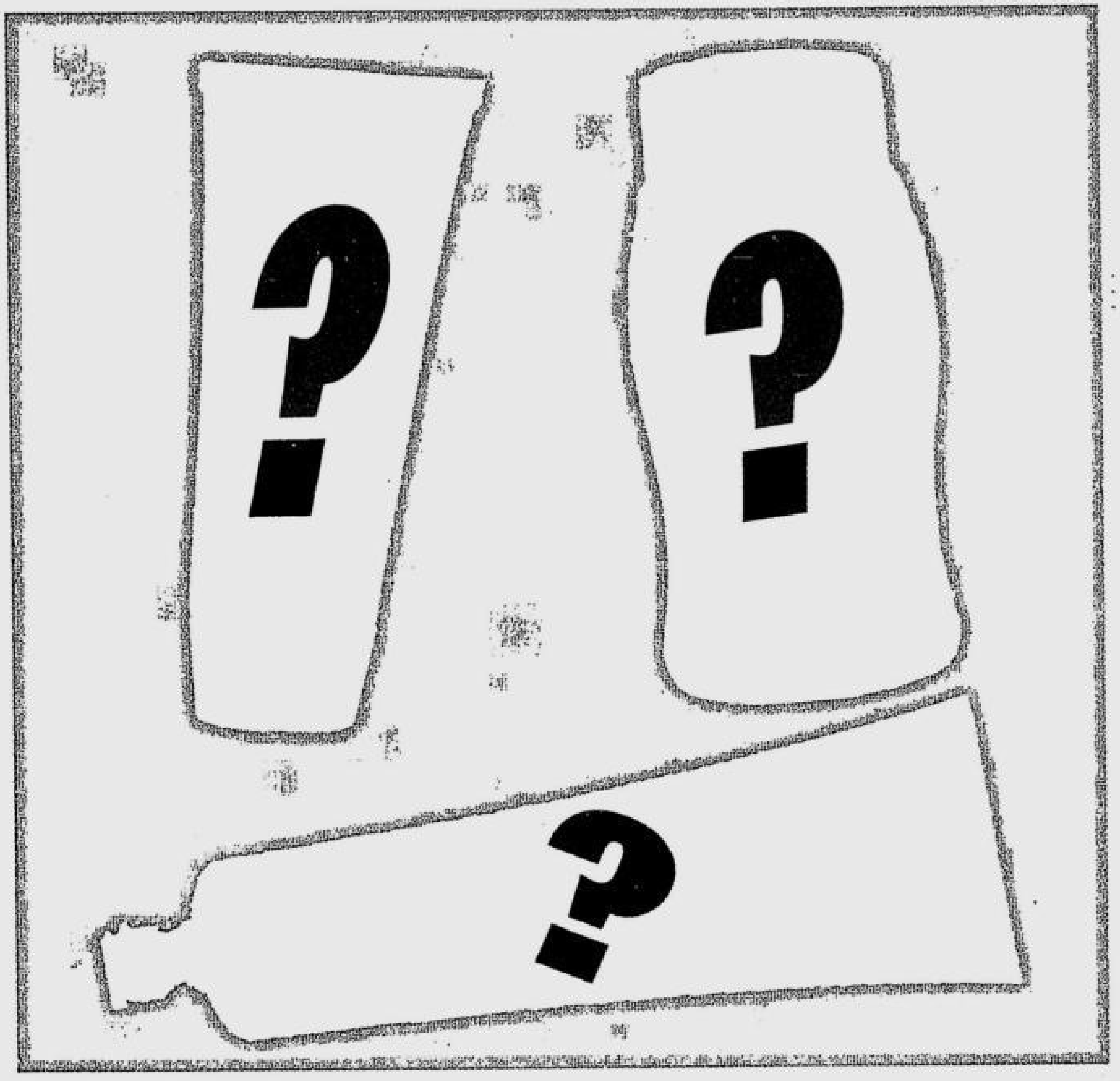
Hapee toothgels offer four different flavors that will suit your mood anytime of the day. Feeling adventurous? You can try the blazing flavor of Hapee Explosive Menthol Red. It's the translucent sparkling red toothgel that gives you icy minty coolness and fresh clean breath while cleaning your teeth. If you're in the mood for an outburst of green freshness with vivid strong mints, try Hapee Fresh Green Outburst. If you feel going for an outrageous cooling sensation, the sparkling blue toothgel with vitamin care action of Hapee Outrageous Blue Chill is best for you. It has an Ultracool component that keeps breath fresh longer. However, if you want to go for a fruity and healthy flavor, Hapee Mandarin Orange Blast will give you a flash of Vitamin C.

Hapee toothgels have the active ingredient of Sodium monofluorophosphate that gives the maximum fluoride protection to make sure your teeth are in good condition. And not only that, Hapee is the first Filipino toothpaste brand that earned the seal of approval from Philippine Dental Association (PDA).

So what are you waiting for? Grab the Hapee toothgel that matches you!

MAXIMUM FLUORIDE PROTECTION
hapee
EXPLOSIVE MENTHOL RED
hapee
Fresh Green Outburst
COOL
hapee
OUTRAGEOUS BLUE CHILL
hapee

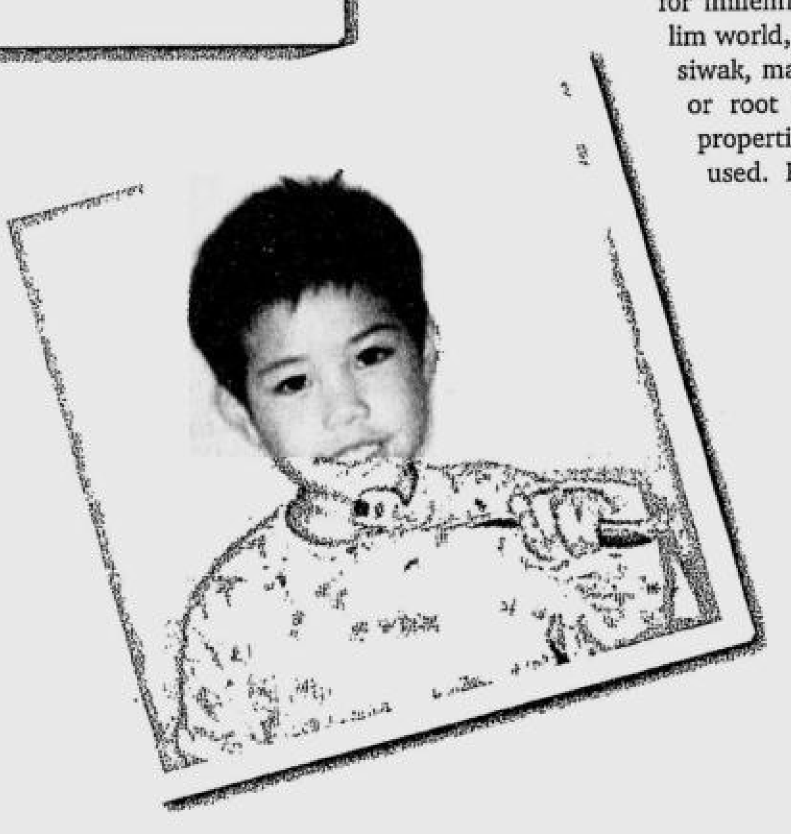
WHAT'S NEXT FROM hapee®?



THE PHILIPPINES' ORAL CARE SPECIALIST.

Brush up on your toothbrush knowledge

From page 11



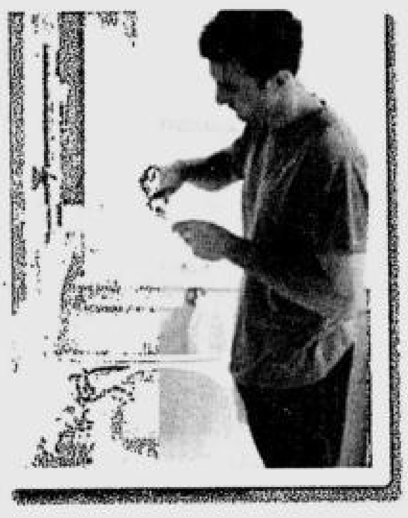
and irritate gums as indicated by the American Dental Association. Toothbrushes are often made from synthetic fibers, although natural toothbrushes are also known in many parts of the world.

Bird feather, animal bones, porcupine quills?

A variety of oral hygiene measures have been used since before recorded history. This has been verified by various excavations done all over the world, in which toothpicks, chewsticks, tree twigs, strips of linen, bird feathers, animal bones and porcupine quills were recovered. The first modern idea of a toothbrush is believed to have been invented in China around 1600. However, many other peoples used different forms of toothbrushes. Ancient Indian medicine has used the neem tree and its products to create toothbrushes and similar products for millennia. In the Muslim world, the miswak, or siwak, made from a twig or root with antiseptic properties is widely used. Rubbing baking soda or chalk against the teeth was also common. Chewing sticks were first made by primates.

William Addis of England is credited with creating the first mass-produced toothbrush in 1780. In 1770 he had been placed in jail for causing a riot. While in prison, he decided that the method for teeth brushing of the time-rubbing a rag on one's teeth with soot and salt-could be improved. So he took a small animal bone, drilled small holes in it, obtained some bristles from a guard, tied them in tufts, then passed the bristles through the holes on the bone and glued them.

The first patent for a toothbrush was by HN Wadsworth in 1850 in the United States, but mass production of the product in America only started in 1885. The rather advanced design had a bone handle with holes bored into it for the Siberian Boar hair bristles. Boar wasn't an ideal material; it retained bacteria, it didn't dry well, and the bristles would often fall out of the brush. It wasn't until World War II, however, that the concept of brushing teeth really caught on in the US, partly because it was part of American soldiers' regular daily duty to clean their teeth. It was a practice that they brought back to their home life after the conclusion of the war.



Natural bristles (from animal hair) were replaced by synthetic fibers, usually nylon, by DuPont in 1938. The first nylon bristle toothbrush, made with nylon yarn, went on sale on Feb. 24, 1938. The first electric toothbrush, the Broxodent, was introduced by the Bristol-Myers Company (now Bristol-Myers Squibb) at the centennial of the American Dental Association in 1959.

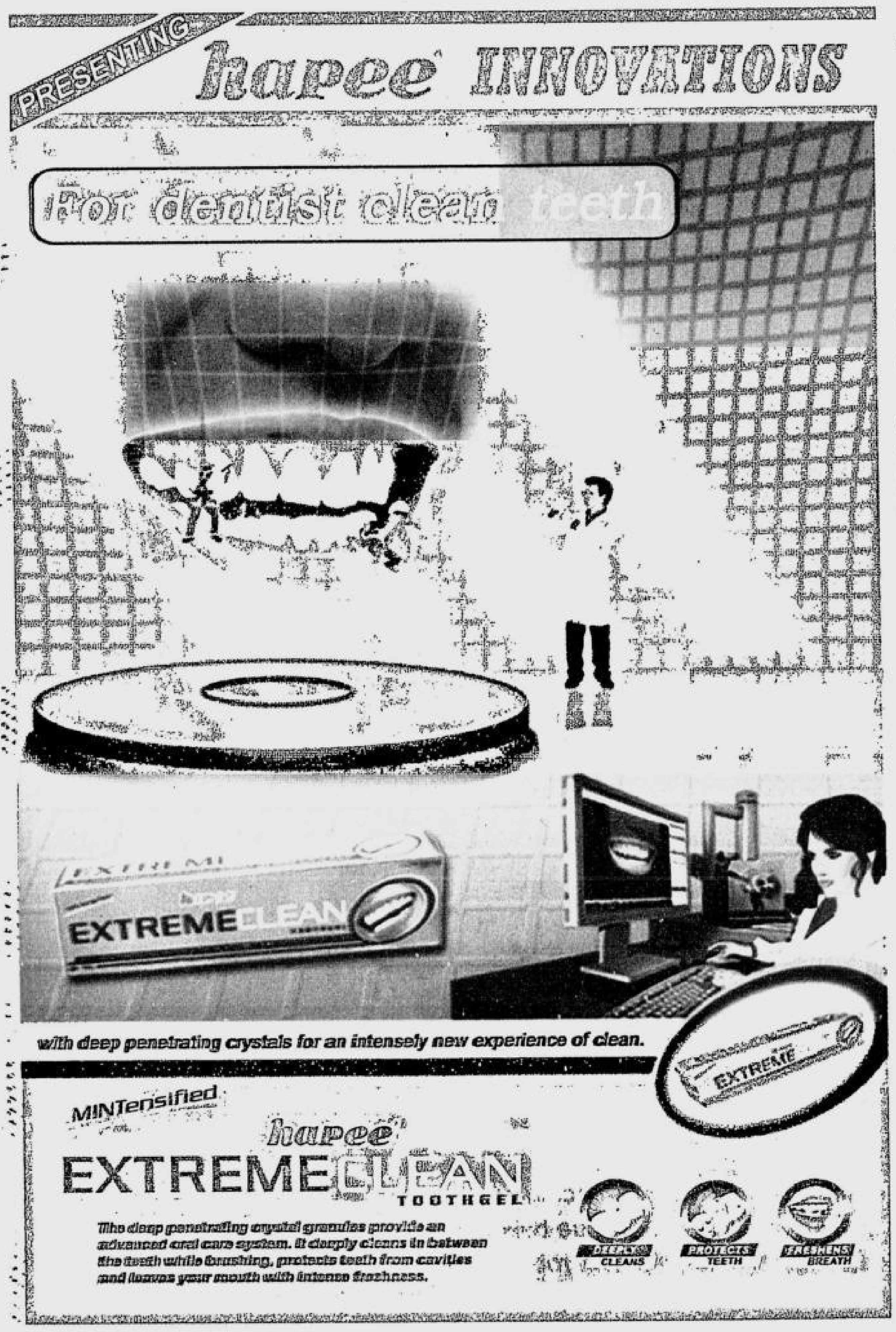
In January 2003, the toothbrush was selected as the number one invention Americans could not live without, beating out the automobile, computer, cell phone, and microwave oven, according to the Lemelson-MIT Invention Index.

Manual to electric

The first electric toothbrush was developed in 1939 in Scotland, but did not appear on the open market until the 1960s, when it was marketed as Broxodent in the United States by Squibb. In 1961, General Electric introduced a rechargeable cordless toothbrush that moved up and down when activated.

In 1987, the first rotary action toothbrush for home use, the Interplak, appeared in shops for the general public. There are currently many different varieties of models that use this mechanism. Research shows that they tend to be somewhat (but not extremely) more effective at removing plaque and preventing gingival bleeding than manual toothbrushes and vibrating toothbrushes.

> 'A variety of oral hygiene measures have been used since before recorded history. This has been verified by various excavations done all over the world'


PRESENTING
hapee INNOVATIONS
For dentist clean teeth
EXTREME CLEAN
with deep penetrating crystals for an intensely new experience of clean.
EXTREME
MINTensified
hapee
EXTREME CLEAN
TOOTHGEL
The deep penetrating crystal granules provide an advanced oral care system. It deeply cleans in between the teeth while brushing, protects teeth from cavities and leaves your mouth with intense freshness.
DEEPLY CLEANS
PROTECTS TEETH
FRESHENS BREATH

The ADA recommends...

The American Dental Association (www.ada.org) has issued the following guidelines for dental care:

TOOTHBRUSHING PLAYS AN IMPORTANT everyday role for personal oral hygiene and effective plaque removal. Appropriate toothbrush care and maintenance are also important considerations for sound oral hygiene. The ADA recommends that consumers replace toothbrushes approximately every 3 to 4 months or sooner if the bristles become frayed with use.

In recent years, scientists have studied whether toothbrushes may harbor microorganisms that could cause oral and/or systemic infection. The oral cavity is home to hundreds of different types of microorganisms, therefore, it is not surprising that some of these microorganisms are transferred to a toothbrush during use. It may also be possible for microorganisms that are present in the environment where the toothbrush is stored to establish themselves on the brush.

The human body is constantly exposed to potentially harmful microbes. However, the body is normally able to defend itself against infections through a combination of passive and active mechanisms. Intact skin and mucous membranes function as a passive barrier to bacteria and other organisms. When these barriers are challenged or breached, active mechanisms such as enzymes, digestive acids, tears, white blood cells and antibodies come into play to protect the body from disease.

Although studies have shown that various microorganisms can grow on toothbrushes after use, and other studies have examined various methods to reduce the level of these bacteria, there is insufficient clinical evidence to support that bacterial growth on toothbrushes will lead to specific adverse oral or systemic health effects.

General recommendations for toothbrush care

The ADA and the Council on Scientific Affairs provide the following toothbrush care recommendations:

- Do not share toothbrushes. Sharing a toothbrush could result in an exchange of body fluids and/or microorganisms between the users of the toothbrush, placing the individuals involved at an increased risk for infections. This practice could be a particular concern for persons with compromised immune systems or existing infectious diseases.
- Thoroughly rinse toothbrushes with tap water after brushing to remove any remaining toothpaste and debris. Store the brush in an upright position if possible and allow the toothbrush to air-dry until used again. If more than one brush is stored in the same holder or area, keep the brushes separated to prevent cross-contamination.
- Do not routinely cover toothbrushes or store them in closed containers. A moist environment such as a closed container is more conducive to the growth of microorganisms than the open air.
- Replace toothbrushes at least every 3-4 months. The bristles become frayed and worn with use and cleaning effectiveness will decrease. Toothbrushes will wear out more rapidly depending on factors unique to each patient. Check brushes often for this type of wear and replace them more frequently if needed. Children's toothbrushes often need replacing more frequently than adult brushes.

Cleaning methods beyond those outlined

ADA/13

Gargol: Four flavors to spice up oral hygiene

MOST OF US TROOP TO THE OFFICE FOR an eight-hour workday. Some of us take the usual coffee break, while others go out for a smoke now and then. We attend business meetings with a client, relax with family and friends on the weekend or train in the gym or badminton court.

Prolonged fresh breath is necessary when spending a number of hours talking, interacting and dining with others. It promotes confidence. This is one of the reasons why using a good mouthwash is so important. And who says a mouthwash can't have flavors, too?

For most people, attending to oral hygiene can be a chore. But a product like Gargol Oral Wash, which comes in four flavors, can help enliven the experience.

Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy the strawberry flavor, which deliciously smells like the succulent, red fruit. Gargol also comes in green apple flavor, which has a soothing taste and a calming green color. Those who love citrus can try the orange flavor. Meanwhile, people who prefer a more traditional taste can always select the original flavor.

What's more, Gargol is made with 100-percent pure essential oils-tea tree, chamomile, peppermint, myrrh and thyme-that fight oral bacteria, strengthen gums and promote healing. It has no alcohol, sugar or harsh chemicals. It moisturizes dry mouth, thus preventing bad breath.

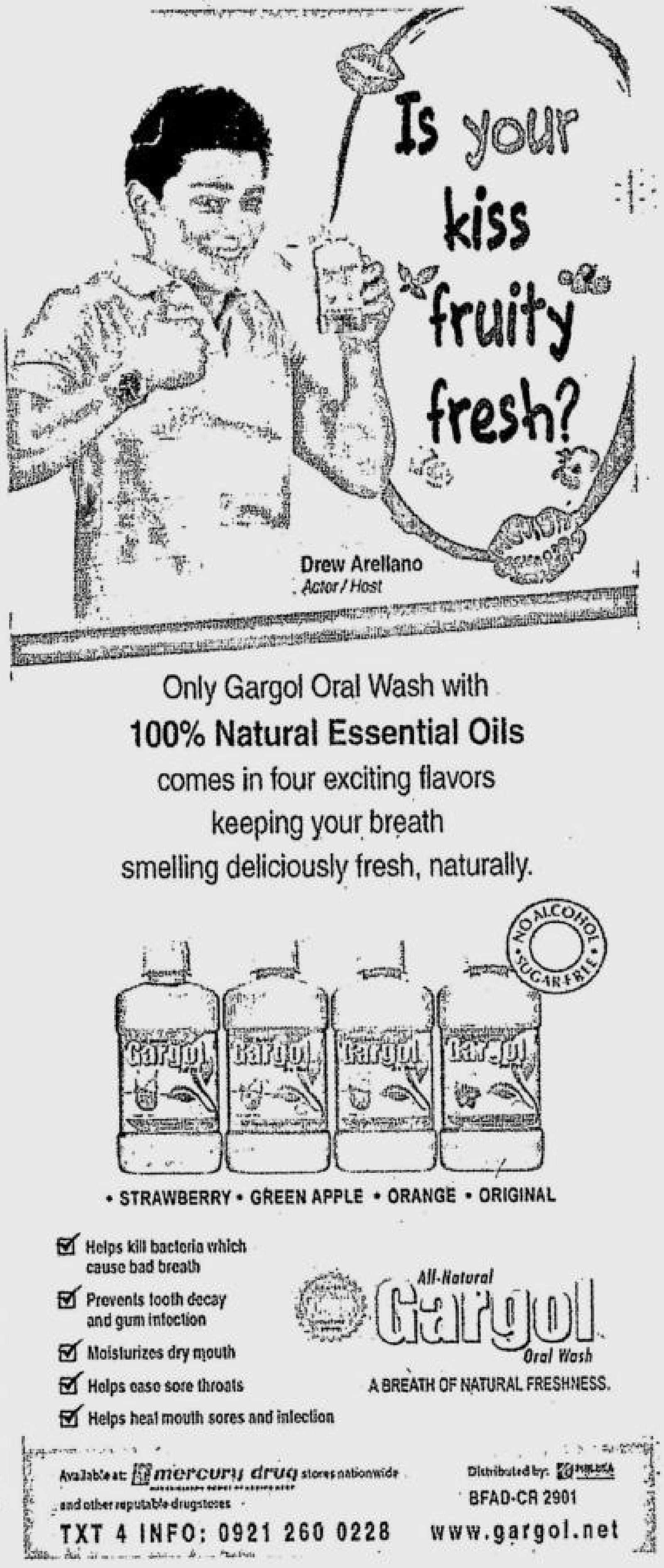
Gargol also includes propolis, a natural antibiotic, which may reduce plaque formation and bacteria. Propolis may also help relieve dental pain and gum inflammation. Gargol also has xylitol, which prevents tooth decay.

With its gentle and safe formula, you can use Gargol after meals, before a meeting or when going out with friends. Using the flavor of your choice, you can freshen up your breath anytime. It will leave your mouth feeling clean and fresh for up to eight hours.

Now available in drugstores and supermarkets nationwide, Gargol makes for a good companion, especially for those who are socially active and have a busy work life.

For more information visit: www.gargol.net or TXT 4 INFO 0921 260 0228.

> 'Gargol is made with 100-percent pure essential oils-tea tree, chamomile, peppermint, myrrh and thyme-that fight oral bacteria, strengthen gums and promote healing. It has no alcohol, sugar or harsh chemicals. It moisturizes dry mouth, thus preventing bad breath'



Drew Arellano
Actor / Host

Only Gargol Oral Wash with
100% Natural Essential Oils
comes in four exciting flavors
keeping your breath
smelling deliciously fresh, naturally.

• STRAWBERRY • GREEN APPLE • ORANGE • ORIGINAL

☑ Helps kill bacteria which cause bad breath
☑ Prevents tooth decay and gum infection
☑ Moisturizes dry mouth
☑ Helps ease sore throats
☑ Helps heal mouth sores and infection

A BREATH OF NATURAL FRESHNESS.

Available at: mercury drug stores nationwide and other reputable drugstores
Distributed by:
BFAD-CR 2901
TXT 4 INFO: 0921 260 0228
www.gargol.net

The ADA recommends...

From page 12

above are not supported by the currently available clinical evidence. While there is evidence of bacterial growth on toothbrushes, there is no clinical evidence that soaking a toothbrush in an antibacterial mouthrinse or using a commercially available toothbrush sanitizer has any positive or negative effect on oral or systemic health. Some toothbrush cleaning methods, including use of a dishwasher or microwave oven, could damage the brush. Manufacturers may not have designed their products to withstand these conditions. The cleaning effectiveness of the brush might be decreased if it is damaged.

Although there is insufficient clinical evidence to support that bacterial growth on toothbrushes will lead to specific adverse oral or systemic health effects, a common-sense approach is recommended for situations where patients may be at higher risk to infection or re-infection by various microbes. Examples may include situations where a patient or family member:

- Has a systemic disease that may be transmissible by blood or saliva;
- Has a compromised immune system or low resistance to infection due to disease, chemotherapy, radiation treatment, etc.

Common-sense supports that for patients who are more susceptible to infections, a higher level of vigilance to prevent exposure to disease-causing organisms may offer some benefit.

Replacing toothbrushes more often than every 3 to 4 months may decrease the number of bacteria to which patients are exposed.

Rinsing with an antibacterial mouthrinse before brushing may prevent or decrease how rapidly bacteria build up on toothbrushes.

Soaking toothbrushes in an antibacterial mouthrinse after use has also been studied and may decrease the level of bacteria that grow on toothbrushes.

Disposable toothbrushes might also be considered as an option, however cost may be a consideration with long-term use.

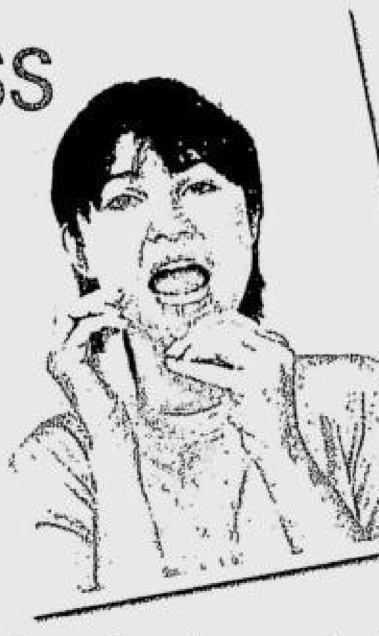
There are several commercially available toothbrush sanitizers on the market. Although data do not demonstrate that they provide a specific health benefit, if a consumer chooses to use one of these devices, the Council recommends that they select a product cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Products cleared by FDA are required to provide data to the Agency to substantiate cleared claims.

Claims that go beyond sanitizing the toothbrush or reducing bacterial contamination should be viewed critically by the consumer.

Did you know?

There is such a thing called a chewable toothbrush. A chewable toothbrush is a miniature plastic molded toothbrush that can be used when no water is available. They tend to be very small, but should not be swallowed. They are commonly available from bathroom vending machines. They usually cost around less than a dollar and are very easy to use. Just put them in your mouth and start chewing.

Dental floss



Dental floss is either a bundle of thin nylon filaments or a plastic teflon or polyethylene ribbon used to remove food and dental plaque from teeth. The floss is gently inserted between the teeth and scraped along the teeth sides, especially close to the gums. Dental floss may be flavored or unflavored, and waxed or unwaxed.

Dentists and dental hygienists urge the daily oral hygiene regimen of toothbrushing and flossing.

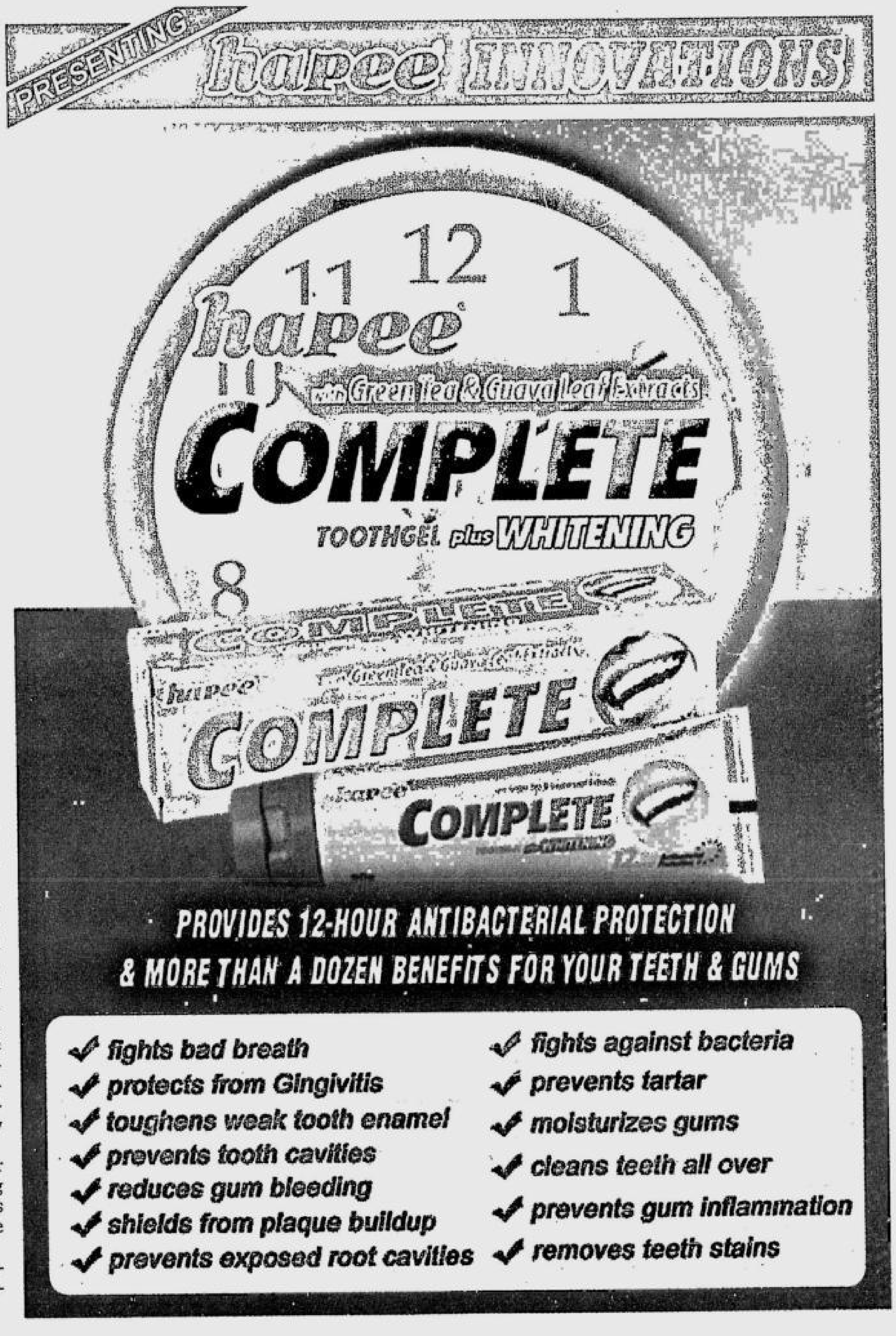
Dental floss is commonly supplied in plastic dispensers that contain 10 to 50 meters of floss. After pulling out the desired amount, the floss is pulled against a small protected blade in the dispenser to sever it.

The dental floss is held between the fingers. It can be difficult to grasp floss due to the tension required to push between certain teeth, and reducing friction as the fingers and floss become wet from saliva. To keep a hold, the floss can be wrapped around one or both fingers. Doing this on or above the first joint allows that finger to be used in conjunction with the thumb in a traditional pinch grip, to reduce excessive tension on the skin. Wrapping dental floss too tight as a tourniquet reduces circulation. So it is wise to loosen the wraparound when alternating to a fresh segment of floss. An alternative way to make the floss easier to handle is to make a loop and tie the ends together using a couple of knots. The resulting ring is easy to handle even in wet conditions and does not put as much tension on the skin as when wrapping it around the fingers.

Dental floss is used to clear both particles of food stuck between teeth and dental bacterial plaque adhered to such teeth surfaces. Ideally using a C-shape, when the floss is curved around a tooth and then moved away from the gumline, the floss scrapes the side of each tooth, and can also clean the front or back of the tooth. Gently moving the floss from below the gumline to away from the gumline removes dento-bacterial plaque attached to teeth surfaces above and below the gumline.

Occasional flossing and/or improper flossing can typically lead to bleeding gums. The main cause of the bleeding is inflammation of the gingival tissue due to gingivitis.

Flossing in combination with toothbrushing can prevent gum disease, halitosis, and dental caries. *wikipedia.org*



PROVIDES 12-HOUR ANTIBACTERIAL PROTECTION
& MORE THAN A DOZEN BENEFITS FOR YOUR TEETH & GUMS

✓ fights bad breath
✓ protects from Gingivitis
✓ toughens weak tooth enamel
✓ prevents tooth cavities
✓ reduces gum bleeding
✓ shields from plaque buildup
✓ prevents exposed root cavities
✓ fights against bacteria
✓ prevents tartar
✓ moisturizes gums
✓ cleans teeth all over
✓ prevents gum inflammation
✓ removes teeth stains

50%off your limited edition bench/ tees when you present a CloseUp Spa Moisture 150mL box!

MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER WITH YOU
MUSIC = LOVE
MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER WITH YOU
MUSIC = LOVE
MAKE MUSIC WITH ME
HELLO, Your name is...?
New! Center-Filled Gel
closeup
Spa Moisture
Spa Moisture Center-Filled Gel closeup
REJUVENATE YOUR MOUTH WITH FRESHNESS

closeup bench/

*Bench standalone stores only

Per DOH-BFAD Permit No.1184, Series of 2007.